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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration models show that the Willow Point neighborhood of Groton is one of the areas vulnerable to sea-level rise. Residents say flooding in their community has gone from a periodic occurrence to a regular fact of life. "The last 10 years is when we've really recognized that the water level is really rising," said resident Paul Fox, whose home is at the tip of Spence Point, above, in Willow Point.

# 'This will all be underwater'

As climate change arrives in Connecticut, coastal towns like Groton face a precarious future of rising sea levels and intensifying storms

Story by **Eliza Fawcett** and **Alex Putterman** • Photos by **Mark Mirko** • Hartford Courant

**A**long the banks of the Mystic River in Groton, Zell Steever points to landmarks he doesn't expect to survive climate change.

A row of buildings across the water. A gleaming new structure at the end of Gravel Street. Handsome clapboard houses with wide lawns, many dating back to the mid-19th century. All are in danger, says Steever, a white-bearded environmentalist who chairs Groton's resilience and sustainability task force.

Around the corner, West Main Street bustles with New England charm. Visitors step into boutique clothing stores, shop for books and eat doughnuts in the September sun.

"Oh, by the way," Steever says, gesturing widely, "this will all be underwater."

Climate change has already arrived in Connecticut, as demonstrated this summer by scorching temperatures and punishing storms. In the coming decades,

its effects will only accelerate.

While the entire state will face increasing impacts of climate change, seaside communities like Groton will feel them most acutely and immediately. As greenhouse gas emissions continue to warm the planet, storms will become more frequent and more intense. Property will be damaged and people displaced.

In many cases, the consequences will be particularly severe for vulnerable groups,

including the poor and the elderly.

Meanwhile, rising sea levels, fueled by melting glaciers thousands of miles away, will alter everyday life in low-lying areas. According to one estimate, Long Island Sound could rise by as much as 20 inches by 2050, enough to submerge parts of Groton's shore and cause regular flooding in residential neighborhoods and

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## INFRASTRUCTURE LEGISLATION

# What will state get from \$1T bill?

Rail, bridges, highways would benefit; senators highlight job creation

By **Rick Green**  
Hartford Courant

The massive, tortured \$1 trillion infrastructure bill that Congress finally approved late Friday will bring billions of dollars in federal spending to Connecticut on railroads, highways and bridges, while also expanding internet access and creating a statewide network of electric vehicle charging stations.

President Joe Biden on Saturday called the package a "monumental step forward for the nation."

"Finally, infrastructure week," a beaming Biden told reporters. "I'm so happy to say that: infrastructure week."

The House passed the measure 228-206 late Friday, prompting prolonged cheers from the relieved Democratic side of the chamber. Thirteen Republicans, mostly moderates, supported the legislation while six of the Democrats' farthest left members — including Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York and Cori Bush of Missouri — opposed it.

Connecticut's all-Democratic Congressional delegation was effusive in praising passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, even after weeks of divisive and bitter infighting among liberal and moderate members of Congress. A much larger \$1.75 trillion spending plan remains mired in debate and could be voted on before Thanksgiving.

Rep. Jim Himes, D-4th, said the bill "will provide almost \$5.4 billion to the state of Connecticut and will create more than \$100 billion in competitive grant programs for which organizations across the state will be eligible to apply."

Although the bill does not include specific funding to repair and rebuild the I-84/I-91 interchange in Hartford, Rep. John Larson said Connecticut will now be able to push forward on the project and "achieve a 50-year goal of recapturing the riverfront."

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# Mothers of young children a rising political force

**Stewart, Simmons to lead two of the state's largest cities**

By **Daniela Altomari**

Hartford Courant

In her campaign for mayor of Stamford, Caroline Simmons discussed her platform with tens of thousands of voters across the city. But some people only had one question for her: "How are you going to manage this all?"

Simmons, the mother of two boys under the age of 3 with a third

child due in February, sidestepped the sexist assumption embedded in the question, which is seldom posed to men serving in local government.

"There are millions of women and mothers with young kids doing this every day," she said Thursday, two days after winning the race. "Moms who were in the front lines during the pandemic, parents who are working and juggling so much."

Simmons, a Democrat, isn't the only woman with young children at home who will lead a major Connecticut city. Erin Stewart, the mother of a 15-month-old daughter

ter, was reelected Tuesday to a fifth term as mayor of New Britain, the state's eighth-largest city.

"Everyone is starting to recognize that just because you're a mom, it doesn't mean you're incapable of having a big job like this," said Stewart, a Republican.

Mothers with children under 18 remain a rarity in elective office. While they have long powered political movements and filled slots on boards and commissions, women with small children have historically put their ambitions on hold until their kids were grown.

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State. Rep. Caroline Simmons, D-Stamford, defeated Bobby Valentine on Tuesday and will become Stamford's first female mayor. **MARY ALTAFFER/AP**

## UConn's next dynamic duo

The Paige Buckner-Azzi Fudd era at UConn is about to begin with a Sunday women's basketball exhibition game against Fort Hays State. A look ahead to the season. **Sports, Page 1**

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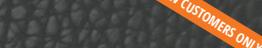
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### Mothers

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Nancy Pelosi delayed running for office until the youngest of her five children was about to graduate from high school.

That's changing, said Jean Sinzdak, associate director for the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University in New Jersey. "More women with kids at home are running" she said.

Statistics are hard to quantify; Sinzdak said no one tracks how many mothers serve at all levels of government nationally. The number of working moms in Congress jumped significantly in 2019, to about 30, but they still represent just 6% of all members. (Democrat Jahana Hayes, who represents Connecticut's 5th District, is the only woman with a child under 18 in the state's delegation.)

Women with young children are increasingly visible, both on the campaign trail and in office, Sinzdak said.

"The conventional wisdom for a very long time for women with kids at home was to not emphasize their children, in case voters wondered who's at home taking care of the kids," Sinzdak said. "There was this sort of thought that it would be a deterrent to voters, but what we've seen in the last couple of election cycles is that women who have children have started using motherhood as an asset, to say my experience as a mother is valuable when it comes to policymaking and the decisions that affect our community."

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern made history in 2018 as the first



State Rep. Caroline Simmons, D-Stamford, and her son, Teddy. COURTESY

world leader to bring her baby to the United Nations general assembly meeting. That same year, U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth of Illinois became the first senator to give birth during her term.

"The traditional elected official is older and white and male," Sinzdak said. "We still have a long way to go. But the idea that you have to fit this mold, that you should in some way try to contort yourself to fit what the traditional elected official looks like, well, that playbook is out the window."

Simmons, 35, is the first woman to serve as mayor of Stamford.

Campaigning while pregnant "helps normalize" mothers in politics and sends an important signal to younger women, said Simmons, who served as a state representative from Stamford since 2015. "We can show that you don't have to wait and this is possible with young kids."

Yet leaning into motherhood still poses political risks. Stewart said she sometimes had to skip a campaign event because she needed to be with her daughter. "I was criticized for it, but I think most people understood why and appreciated the fact that family is important," she said. "My husband is a great partner, but it's tough when you're the mayor. You have a lot of demands on your time."

Studies have shown that mothers serving in office tend to back policies that support families. That's true regardless of political affiliation.

"It's not just nice to have moms serving. It's necessary," said Liuba Grechen Shirley, a former congressional candidate from New York who launched Vote Mama, a PAC that trains and supports Democratic women running for office, from school board to U.S. Senate.

"Our policies have been failing women and children for generations, and frankly, it's because we don't have enough moms in

office at all levels of government," Grechen Shirley said.

As a candidate, Grechen Shirley said she would sometimes encounter voters dismissing funding for child care and paid family leave as "women's issues."

That, she said, "would infuriate me. Child care and paid leave are two of the most basic economic issues this country faces, and far too long, people have written them off as 'women's issues.' Having moms in office makes a massive difference in what policies are being prioritized."

Stewart said her own experience as a new mom bolstered her support of paid leave. (Connecticut's paid leave program, which will begin in 2022, entitles employees to take up to 12 weeks of paid leave for individual or family health matters.)

Simmons notes that the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the child care crisis facing many families. She notes that one in four women has left the workforce, and insufficient child care is one of the top reasons.

Simmons and her husband, former state Sen. Art Linares, rely on family members to help out with child care. Their oldest son attends a preschool program.

"I recognize that I am incredibly blessed to have a support network in place," she said. "That not all families have."

Simmons said she has always supported strengthening the child care system to ensure for quality, affordable care.

"Becoming a mom has only increased my appreciation for how much parents go through," she said. "It brings a sense of urgency to wanting to make the world a better place."

### Bill

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Connecticut's two senators said thousands of jobs would be created to help rebuild and expand infrastructure in Connecticut and the United States.

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal called the bill "a gigantic breakthrough" that will open up funding for public works projects across Connecticut. U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy said it was "the biggest bipartisan investment in infrastructure in our nation's history."

U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-3rd, said the legislation is about "jobs, jobs, jobs."

"We are finally making historic infrastructure investments that will create millions of good-paying jobs and shape our economy in a way

that meets the moment," she said. The bill includes an infusion in funding for:

#### Railroads

The bill provides \$30 billion for the Northeast rail corridor. The money will fund maintenance and upgrades to Connecticut rail infrastructure, including repair of major bridges and station upgrades.

#### Bridge replacement and repairs

Connecticut will receive \$561 million for bridge replacement and repairs over five years. Connecticut will also be eligible to compete for a portion of the \$12.5 billion Bridge Investment Program and the \$16 billion set aside by the

legislation for major projects that will deliver substantial economic benefits to communities.

Connecticut has an estimated 248 bridges and more than 2,100 miles of highway that are in poor condition.

#### Expanding broadband

About 12% of Connecticut households do not have an internet subscription. Connecticut will receive at least \$100 million to help provide broadband coverage across the state. Under this legislation, 654,000 people in Connecticut will also be eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Benefit, which was created to help low-income families afford internet access.

#### Charging stations for electric vehicles

The act provides \$53 million over five years to support expansion of an EV charging network.

#### Highways

Connecticut is expected to receive \$3.5 billion for highway programs.

#### Public transit

The new act provides \$1.3 billion over five years to improve public transportation options.

#### Safe drinking water

Over the next five years, Connecticut is expected to receive \$445 million to improve water

infrastructure across the state.

#### Long Island Sound

More than \$100 million will go toward protecting the Long Island Sound watershed. This will fund local projects to improve water quality and restore shoreline habitats.

#### Airports

Connecticut airports would receive approximately \$62 million for infrastructure development over five years. The bill also provides \$6 million to upgrade City Pier in New London.

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**"It used to be that if you had a hurricane or a nor'easter coming in, you had flooded streets and it was difficult to get in and out. Now you just live your life around the tides."** — Paul Fox, a homeowner in a low-lying neighborhood



Adam Lurch fishes from the rocks off Eastern Point along Long Island Sound in Groton on Oct. 26 as a nor'easter was forecast to bring heavy rain and strong winds. Climate change and rising sea levels are threatening coastal towns like Groton. **MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

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along key roads. By 2100 — within the lifetime of children born today — the Sound could rise by up to 2 meters, enough to submerge beaches, commercial areas, most of Groton-New London Airport and parts of residential areas currently home to thousands of people.

A 2011 study commissioned by the town of Groton and partly funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency warned that climate change could lead to coastal flooding, sewer overflows, loss of wetlands, reduced drinking water capacity, submerged Amtrak lines and a reduction in the "overall quality of life, aesthetics and enjoyment of citizens."

And yet in Groton, as in many places threatened by climate change, public officials have yet to match the urgency of the crisis with concrete action. For years, local officials have hosted forums, commissioned studies and floated ideas but implemented few meaningful solutions.

Environmentalists in Groton say something has to change.

"We've seen the effects of sea-level rise. We're living with it, right now," says Frank Bohlen, an emeritus professor of marine sciences at UConn who also serves on Groton's resilience and sustainability task force. "We don't need to hypothesize about what's going to happen in 2050. It's going on."

### In the line of potential damage'

Groton, a town of about 38,000, sits in Connecticut's southeast corner, across the Thames River from New London and across the Mystic River from Stonington, bordered to the south by Long Island Sound. According to models from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, it is one of the Connecticut towns most prone to sea-level rise, among other effects of climate change.

"The coast is particularly vulnerable to the wind impacts as a hurricane comes ashore and the possibility of storm surge with ocean waves that might be 20, 30 feet higher than usual," said Dan Esty, a Yale professor and former commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. "That puts a number of coastal properties right in the line of potential damage."

Climate change has already imposed itself on Groton in large and small ways. Flooding has become more common. Docks have been raised as water levels have risen. Increased humidity has made summers less pleasant. The local lobster population has diminished, and the local bird populations have shifted. By the time of the 2011 study, Groton's shoreline had already eroded dozens of yards inland since 1888.

As a result, climate change has begun to seep into public awareness in Groton, more so than in inland parts of the state. Residents in at-risk areas worry about what



In their Willow Point neighborhood, residents Scott and Susan Esslinger step over ever-present runoff from tides, rain and basements being pumped. "The water now comes up to the sea wall regularly," Susan Esslinger said.

coastal changes will mean for their homes, while public officials from both the town of Groton and the city of Groton (two separate entities coexisting under an unusual governing structure) plot resilience efforts.

"It used to be that if you had a hurricane or a nor'easter coming in, you had flooded streets and it was difficult to get in and out," Paul Fox, a homeowner in a particularly low-lying neighborhood, said in October. "Now you just live your life around the tides."

The risks are particularly serious for Groton's most vulnerable residents. Increased heat will endanger those without air conditioning, particularly in densely populated areas. Extended power outages will be the most damaging for people with nowhere else to go. Storms will threaten residents who can't easily evacuate.

André Bumgardner, a member of the Groton Town Council and the city planning and zoning commission, points to Poquonock Bridge, a village within Groton with sizable Black and Latino populations and a median income well below that of the broader town. While residents of Groton's wealthier neighborhoods can afford to raise their homes to guard against rising sea levels or rebuild following significant damage, renters and working-class homeowners have fewer options.

"A homeowner in Groton Long Point or Jupiter Point may have the capacity to raise their house," Bumgardner says. "Renters may not have that ability."

Local businesses in low-lying areas are threatened as well. In Mystic — a popular tourist village

that spans Groton and Stonington — Bank Square Books owner Annie Philbrick knows all too well what a major storm can mean for her store, which sits at the bottom of a hill on the corner of West Main and Water streets, about a block from the Mystic River.

During Superstorm Sandy in 2012, a combination of high tide and an immense tidal surge proved devastating. Although employees had secured the store with sandbags, water surging from the river rose up a few feet behind the building, seeped through its doors and walls, and pooled inside the bookstore.

Philbrick and others managed to save the vast majority of the books, but in the wake of the storm, they had to "tear the entire store apart." Walls were cut open to dry them out and all of the carpeting was ripped out. Three weeks later, the store reopened with tiled floors — in preparation for future storms.

In the decade since Sandy hit, the bookstore has thrived, expanding into a neighboring storefront. But the threat of another storm is never far from Philbrick's mind.

"I still sort of have PTSD about it when there's a high tide and it's pouring rain," she said.

Whenever a storm approaches, employees lay down sandbags and move merchandise off the floor. But since Philbrick doesn't own the building, there is only so much she can do to protect against flooding.

"Climate change is real, and I don't have a solution for downtown Mystic," she said. "But I think people are growing more and more aware of it, and I think we'd be open to any discussions that are

happening."

Groton's two largest employers — and two of the largest employers in all of southeastern Connecticut — are the submarine manufacturer Electric Boat and the Naval Submarine Base that sit along the Thames. Both employ thousands of residents of Groton and surrounding towns. Both could be impacted by sea-level rise in the coming decades.

Much of the submarine base is located above the Thames River floodplain, which protects it from storm surges and sea-level rise. But some key infrastructure is on the waterfront and could be vulnerable to surge flooding, a Navy representative said. The base has already begun shoring up older waterfront buildings, installing flood gates across doorways and garage bay openings and raising electrical equipment on concrete pedestals.

A representative for Electric Boat did not respond to requests for comment.

Other key businesses face even more immediate threats. Groton-New London Airport, which does not have commercial flights but is used frequently for private transport, sits along the water at sea level and is already prone to flooding. According to NOAA's models, 20 inches of sea-level rise would imperil its runway, and more dramatic increases would submerge much of its airfield.

"We're looking at [the problem]," Kevin Dillon, executive director of the Connecticut Airport Authority, said recently. "But I can't say that we have any reasonable answers at this point as to how to address it."

### 'I'm in trouble'

Steever, the chair of Groton's resilience and sustainability task force, stands on the deck of the Groton home he has owned since the mid-1960s and looks out onto his backyard.

Barely a football field away, Long Island Sound laps the shore. Steever points to a flower bed at the edge of his property, in the Noank section of town. That's where flood levels would reach in the event of what's classified as a 100-year storm, according to maps from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Then he gestures downward, just below his deck. That's where the water would reach in the event of a 500-year storm.

The trouble is, climate change means 100-year storms have begun to occur more often than once every 100 years. Meanwhile, the sort of routine storms that Connecticut residents have learned to live with are becoming not only more frequent but also more intense.

This past summer may have offered a preview of what's to come. After a historically wet July, Connecticut dodged the worst of Tropical Storm Henri in late August only to be slammed days later by the remnants of Hurricane Ida. Much of the state experienced severe flooding.

"What's changed is that things that used to be not as bad as hurricanes — not devastating but impactful nonetheless, like things that occur every year or every five or 10 years — are going to occur much more frequently," says

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With sea levels projected to rise up to 20 inches by 2050 and 2 meters by the end of the 21st century, neighborhoods along the Connecticut shore are increasingly at risk. This image shows the Groton Long Point neighborhood. MERGED PANORAMIC PHOTOGRAPH BY MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

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Jim O'Donnell, executive director of the Connecticut Institute for Resilience & Climate Adaptation, known as CIRCA. "My guess right now is that things that occurred maybe once every 10 years in the last 100 years, by 2050 the risk will be a factor of five higher."

Increased frequency of storms isn't Steever's only cause for concern. The FEMA maps, he notes, don't reflect projections for sea-level rise, and Connecticut's sea level is rising steadily. Already, several docks near Steever's home have had to be raised. If the water creeps up 20 inches by 2050, as CIRCA projects, it will flow that much closer to Steever's deck.

Trained as a wetlands biologist, with multiple stints in the federal government, including as a negotiator at the 1992 Earth Summit, Steever knows exactly what all of this means.

"I'm in trouble," he says.

### 'Why did anybody ever build that house?'

While Steever has some degree of buffer between his home and the encroaching Sound, Paul Fox isn't as lucky.

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Outdoor heaters are ignited outside the Main Street Mystic Bank and Bridge brew pub by staff member Samantha Lugo. The bustling, historic and low-lying downtown Mystic is an area environmentalists say is threatened by the effects of climate change. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

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Town of Groton officials and members of Groton's Resilience and Sustainability Task Force, led by Zell Steever, front, stand across Steever's backyard in a demonstration of the increased threat of flooding due to climate change. In the event of a 100-year storm, water would reach the edge of Steever's property, and in the event of a 500-year storm, it would flood up to where he stands, according to Federal Emergency Management Agency projections. **MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

## Climate

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After living much of his adult life in the Hartford area, Fox and his wife, Mary, retired to Groton in 2006 and built a large home in the Willow Point neighborhood, along Mystic Harbor. It didn't take long before they began to understand what they were up against.

"The last 10 years is when we've really recognized that the water level is really rising," Fox said. "Low tide is close to what high tide used to be."

NOAA models show that Willow Point is one of the areas of Groton most exposed to sea-level rise, and residents' experience bears that out. Already, they say, flooding in their community has gone from a periodic occurrence to a regular fact of life.

Susan Esslinger, who co-owns a summer house on Willow Point that has been in her family since the late 1930s, has watched the water begin to encroach on her property in ways it never used to.

"The water now comes up to the sea wall regularly and covers the little beach, whereas when I was younger, that was just a factor of a nor'easter or a particular storm," she said. "It was not a regular occurrence."

Fox has seen neighbors leave the area because of the flooding. He has seen others raise their homes to guard against it. And, to his bafflement, he has seen the town grant building permits along what he knows to be a significant floodplain.

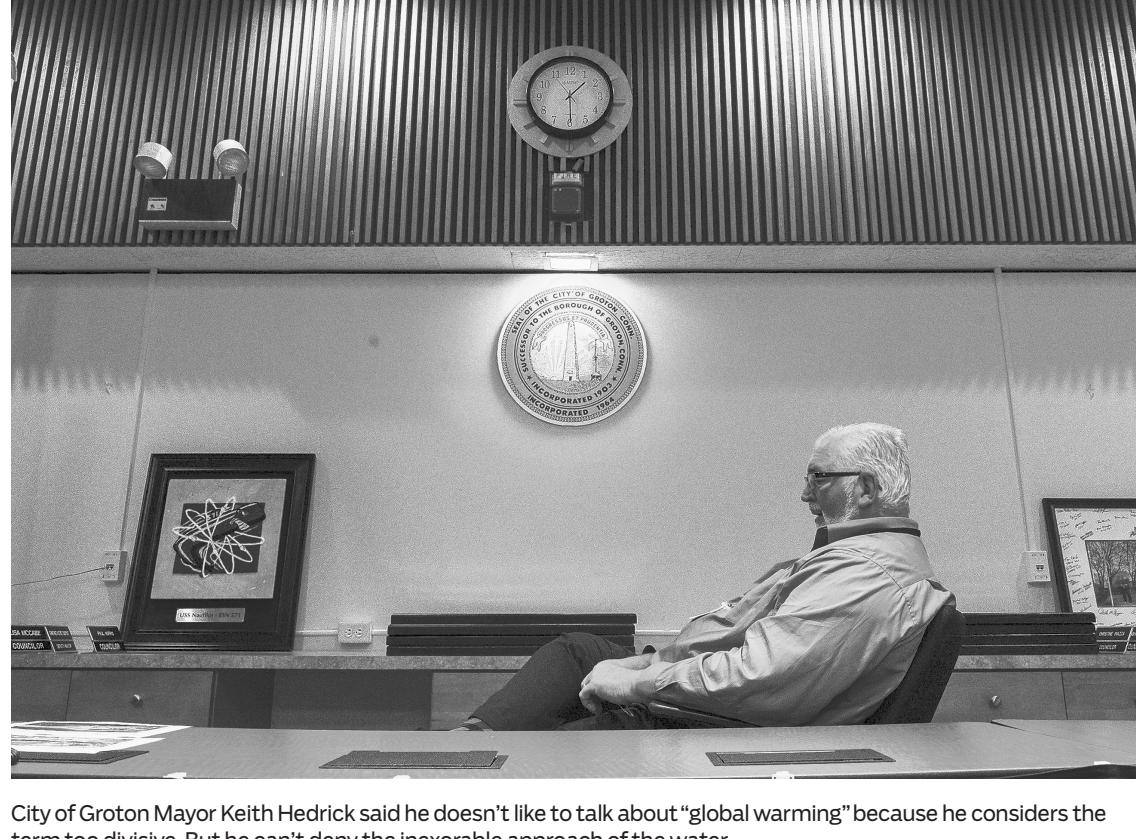
Fox's house is elevated 13 feet off the ground, which keeps him dry at least for now. Even so, he questions why the town of Groton ever let him build in such a vulnerable area. At the time, he figured local officials knew best. Now, he's not so sure.

"I would have been much better off if they had said, 'This is not a good idea,'" he said. "You'll look at this place in 20 years and you'll ask, 'Why did anybody ever build that house?'"

Across town on Groton Long Point, the lone road in and out of the peninsula is lined with blue storm evacuation markers. The beachfront neighborhood is among the wealthiest in the area, with historic homes dating back to the early 20th century, and makes up a key chunk of Groton's tax base.

For years, development in low-lying areas like Groton Long Point was facilitated by a federal flood insurance system that failed to account for the increased frequency of severe storms due to climate change. That began to change in October, when FEMA unveiled a new insurance program that will use more nuanced risk assessments and raise insurance rates for a vast swath of coastal properties across the country, potentially making places like Groton's seaside communities more expensive.

Still, concerns about climate change do not seem to have impacted the market for waterfront properties in the area. Viviana Penson-Rodriguez, a real estate broker and owner of Groton-based Leaf Realty Group, said discussions of climate change and sea-level rise



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rarely come up during waterfront home purchases. For the past year and a half, she has seen "astronomical" sales of beachfront houses.

"People are just jumping into those waterfront properties," she said.

### Do you let it go back to nature?

Jupiter Point, a neighborhood in the city of Groton, is the picture of seaside dreams. Situated a few miles down the coastline from Groton Long Point, on a narrow peninsula that juts out into Baker Cove, its houses have expansive views of the water. American flags fly above garages, basketball hoops decorate streets leading to cul-de-sacs, and residents walk their dogs on cloudless days. Just down the road, regal white boats bob at the Pine Island Marina.

By the end of the century, the neighborhood could be almost entirely underwater.

According to NOAA's projections, the 20 inches of sea-level rise expected by 2050 would submerge the far tip of Jupiter Point, sinking a private beach and threatening low-lying houses.

The 2 meters — about 6 1/2 feet — of sea-level rise possible by 2100 would wipe out nearly the whole community.

City of Groton Mayor Keith Hedrick is not optimistic about Jupiter Point's future. A 62-year-old Republican-turned-Democrat, Hedrick said he doesn't like to talk about "global warming" because he considers the term too divisive. But he can't deny the inexorable approach of the water.

"I have read scientific papers that have said we're going to get up to 20 inches of water in 30 years," he says. "That's all I care about."

So far, officials have identified key questions the city of Groton will face in the decades to come but have answered few of them. For now, Hedrick says his office is waiting for the results of a Community

Resiliency Plan, which will include a climate change risk assessment and recommendations on how to best protect vulnerable areas.

Hedrick admits he isn't sure what to do about places like Jupiter Point. Should homeowners who build in flood zones be allowed to rebuild after a damaging storm? If they do rebuild, should they be required to raise the height of their home? And, crucially, who pays?

"I don't know the answer for Jupiter Point, honestly," he says. "At some point, somebody is going to need to ask the hard question. I don't know if it's going to be me under my administration or somebody else, but we need to ask it: Do you let it go back to nature?"

At her office in Groton's municipal building, city planner Leslie Creane keeps a striking image as her computer desktop background: a house on stilts, raised up at least 15 feet. She took the photo a few years ago in Biloxi, Miss., a city on the Gulf of Mexico, and now shows it to people as an example of a place that is already changing rapidly due to climate change. She says it serves as a warning for Groton.

"There needs to be a very disciplined way of looking at what we want our goals to be," she said. "Do we want people to be able to live here, on the same property as their families, in perpetuity? In which case, there's an awful lot of expensive infrastructure work that's going to have to get done and then redone and done on top of what's done."

Creane says climate change will raise a host of "very, very personal and very, very complicated" conversations in the years to come, including about the temporary or even permanent resettlement of residents of Groton's most vulnerable areas.

"We're going to be moving inland," she said. "So to the extent that Groton is right on the water — I don't think that that's going to be anytime really soon — but 30, 40 years from now? Sure."

Syma Ebbin, a professor of environmental policy and environmental science at UConn Avery Point, has had family on Jupiter Point for decades and has lived there herself since 1999, watching as the water rises and flooding becomes more frequent. Even so, she says, not all her neighbors seem to grasp what they're up against.

"There's a repetitive quality [to the flooding] that helps with getting people believing," she said recently. "But there's still a new house going up right here on my block, so obviously there are some people who are not believing or acting in accordance with potential threats."

### We have to do something

At the national level, climate activism means a movement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and allocate billions of dollars to resiliency efforts. At the state level, it has meant advocating for policies like the Transportation and Climate Initiative, a multistate proposal aimed at cutting emissions and investing in green transportation that stalled in the state legislature this spring.

Locally, in Groton, climate activism has meant the formation of a resilience and sustainability task force, assembled in 2019 by environmentalists frustrated by a decade of inaction from local officials. The goal, task force members say, is to generate specific plans to reduce Groton's carbon footprint and prepare for climate change impacts.

To reduce emissions in Groton, task force members say they hope to see a phased replacement of public vehicles with electric cars and incentives for the construction of solar panel arrays.

To prepare for rising sea levels and more frequent storms, they are exploring various short-term responses. Could Groton use scheduled repavings as an opportunity

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tunity to raise road elevations? Can the town begin discouraging new development in areas most prone to sea-level rise? How can state and federal funds be mobilized to help homeowners elevate their homes, away from the reach of the water?

Task force members say public awareness of climate change's devastating immediacy — as well as the political will to enact change — is growing. For many Connecticut residents, seeing skies hazy from California fires and confronting drought, flooding and storms in their own towns has caused the reality of climate change to hit home.

"We've really come to a point where the potential for action is much, much better," said Bohlen, the retired UConn professor.

To Mickey Weiss, a task force member, the core tension of climate change is no longer between environmentalists and climate deniers. It's now a financial tug-of-war, playing out in the U.S. Congress, where lawmakers are currently debating how much money to allot to fighting climate change, as well as locally, in towns like Groton.

"Everybody says, 'OK, climate change is real,'" says Weiss, founding director of Project Oceanology, a nonprofit marine sciences facility in Groton. "And they're all saying, 'But we can't afford to do anything about it, or the economy is going to take a hit if we do something about it.' That's where I think the current battle is: to make sure people understand that in the long run, we're going to save money by taking action now."

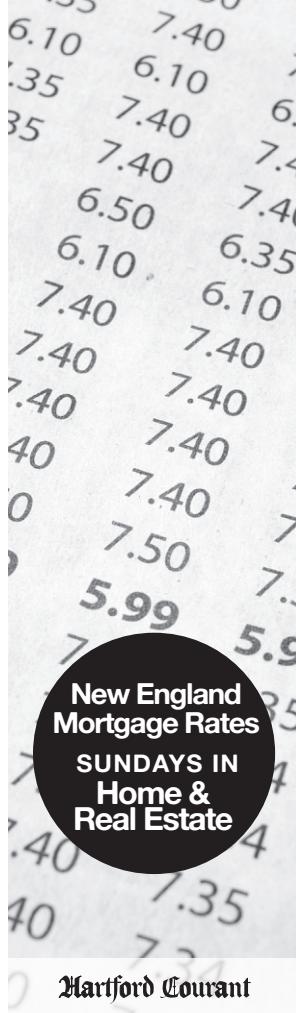
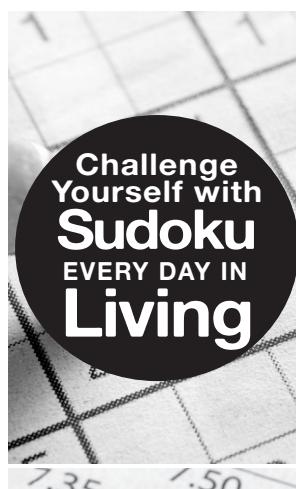
Earlier this year, Groton's Town Council passed a resolution to "address climate change, resiliency and sustainability as a central management principle for all actions by the town government." The resolution affirms that climate change is a growing threat that has already impacted Groton and commits the Town Council to "becoming a leader in combating climate change and becoming a more sustainable community."

One of their first steps: hiring a resilience and sustainability manager, a process town officials say will begin soon.

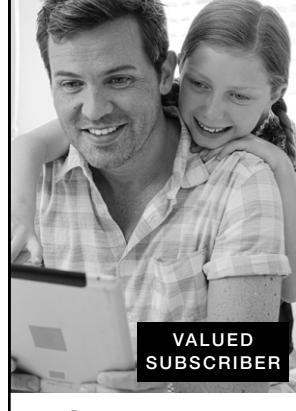
The residents who built clapboard houses on the banks of the Mystic River nearly 200 years ago couldn't have known that climate change would one day bring the ocean to their doorsteps. Today, Groton officials say, the town must show that it knows better.

"We have to do something," says Patrice Granatosky, the mayor of the town of Groton. "We can't keep sitting on it and not take any action."

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## NEWS BRIEFING

**Biden says separated kids' families deserve some compensation**

From news services

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden said Saturday that the families of children separated from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border during the Trump administration should be compensated, as his Department of Justice is in settlement talks with affected families.

Biden said that regardless of the circumstances, people who had their children taken from them under the Trump administration's family separation policy, meant to deter families from crossing into the U.S. illegally, should be remunerated.

"If, in fact, because of the outrageous behavior of the last administration, you coming across the border, whether it was legally or illegally, and you lost your child — You lost your child. It's gone — you deserve some kind of compensation, no matter what the circumstance," Biden said. "What that will be I have no idea. I have no idea."

Shortly after taking office Biden created a task force to attempt to reunify hundreds of children and parents affected by the policy, which was in place for several months during 2018 and sparked a domestic and international outcry.

The government was considering payments of around \$450,000 to each person affected but has since changed the figure, though not dramatically, a person familiar with the talks told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the discussions are private.

The discussions continue, and there is no guarantee the two sides will strike agreement.

About 5,500 children were split from their parents under President Donald

Trump's "zero tolerance" policy, under which parents were separated from their children to face criminal prosecution for crossing the border illegally, according to court filings in a federal case in San Diego. Inadequate tracking systems caused many to be apart for an extended time. The payments are intended to compensate for the psychological trauma.

Attorneys for the families are also seeking permanent legal status in the United States for those separated under the practice, which a judge halted in June 2018, six days after Trump stopped it under international pressure.

**Iraq PM survives assassination attempt:** Iraq's Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi survived an assassination attempt with an armed drone that targeted his residence early Sunday, and is unharmed, officials said.

Two Iraqi officials said seven of his security guards were injured in the attack which occurred in Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone area.

The prime minister tweeted shortly after the attack: "The rockets of treason will not shake one bit of the steadfastness and determination of the heroic security forces."

In a statement, the government said the drone tried to hit al-Kadhimi's home, adding that he was "unharmed and in good health."

The statement released by state-run media said the failed assassination attempt was with "a booby-trapped drone that tried to target his residence in the Green Zone."

It was not clear who was behind the attack, nor did anyone immediately claim



**Tens of thousands of fans** gather Saturday in Goiania, Brazil, to pay tribute to Marilia Mendonca, one of Brazil's most popular singers, who was killed a day earlier in an airplane crash at age 26. The singer and four others perished Friday when their plane crashed while flying from Mendonca's hometown of Goiania in Goias state. **MATEUS BONOMI/GETTY**

responsibility.

**Germany knife attack:** A knife attack on a high-speed train in Germany left three people severely wounded, the Bavarian Red Cross said Saturday. Police said a man has been arrested in connection with the morning attack.

The train, one of Germany's high-speed ICE trains, was traveling between the Bavarian cities of Regensburg and Nuremberg at the time of the attack. A spokesperson for the Bavarian Red Cross, which had 110 responders at the scene, said the organization processed three "severely injured" people.

A 27-year-old Syrian man was arrested in Seubersdorf, where the train stopped after the attack, Bavarian state police told The Associated Press. In addition, 200 to 300 other people from the train were taken off and brought to a nearby location, the Bavarian Red Cross spokesperson said.

Interior Minister Horst Seehofer said the background behind the "terrible" attack was "still unclear." He said people in Seubersdorf, a municipality 294 miles south of Berlin, faced no "acute danger."

**Harvey Milk ship:** A Navy ship named for slain gay rights leader Harvey Milk, who served four years in the Navy before being forced out, was christened and launched in San Diego Bay on Saturday.

The replenishment oiler USNS Harvey Milk slid down the shipyard ways after a bottle of Champagne was smashed on the bow by former Navy officer Paula M. Neira, clinical program director for the Johns Hopkins Center for Transgender Health.

Milk was one of the first openly gay candidates elected to public office. He was serving on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1978 when a former political colleague, Dan White,

assassinated him and Mayor George Moscone at City Hall.

In 2016, then-Navy Secretary Ray Mabus decided that six new oilers scheduled to be built would be named after civil and human rights leaders. In addition to Milk, they include Sojourner Truth, Chief Justice Earl Warren, Robert F. Kennedy, suffragist Lucy Stone and Rep. John Lewis of Georgia.

**Iran nuclear pact:** Russia and Iran's foreign ministers called for the nuclear accord with Tehran to be restored, with Iran saying it was ready to comply if the U.S. doesn't add additional demands.

Sergei Lavrov and Hossein Amir Abdollahian discussed the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action by telephone on Saturday, the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement, before the latest round of negotiations kick off this month.

The agreement was signed with Iran in 2015 by the permanent "five" of the

U.N. Security Council and Germany in order to overcome the crisis over Iran's nuclear program. Former President Donald Trump abandoned the initiative, but his successor, Joe Biden, has promised to revive the agreement.

**FBI raid:** Federal authorities on Saturday searched the home of James O'Keefe, founder of the conservative group Project Veritas, according to witnesses and people briefed on the matter, a day after O'Keefe acknowledged the group was under investigation by the Justice Department in connection with a diary reported to have been stolen from Ashley Biden, President Joe Biden's daughter.

The FBI carried out a court-ordered search of O'Keefe's apartment in Mamaroneck, New York, early Saturday, after having searched the homes of two associates of O'Keefe on Thursday as part of the investigation.

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Experts say GOP's stoked mistrust of elections may last

By Christina A. Cassidy  
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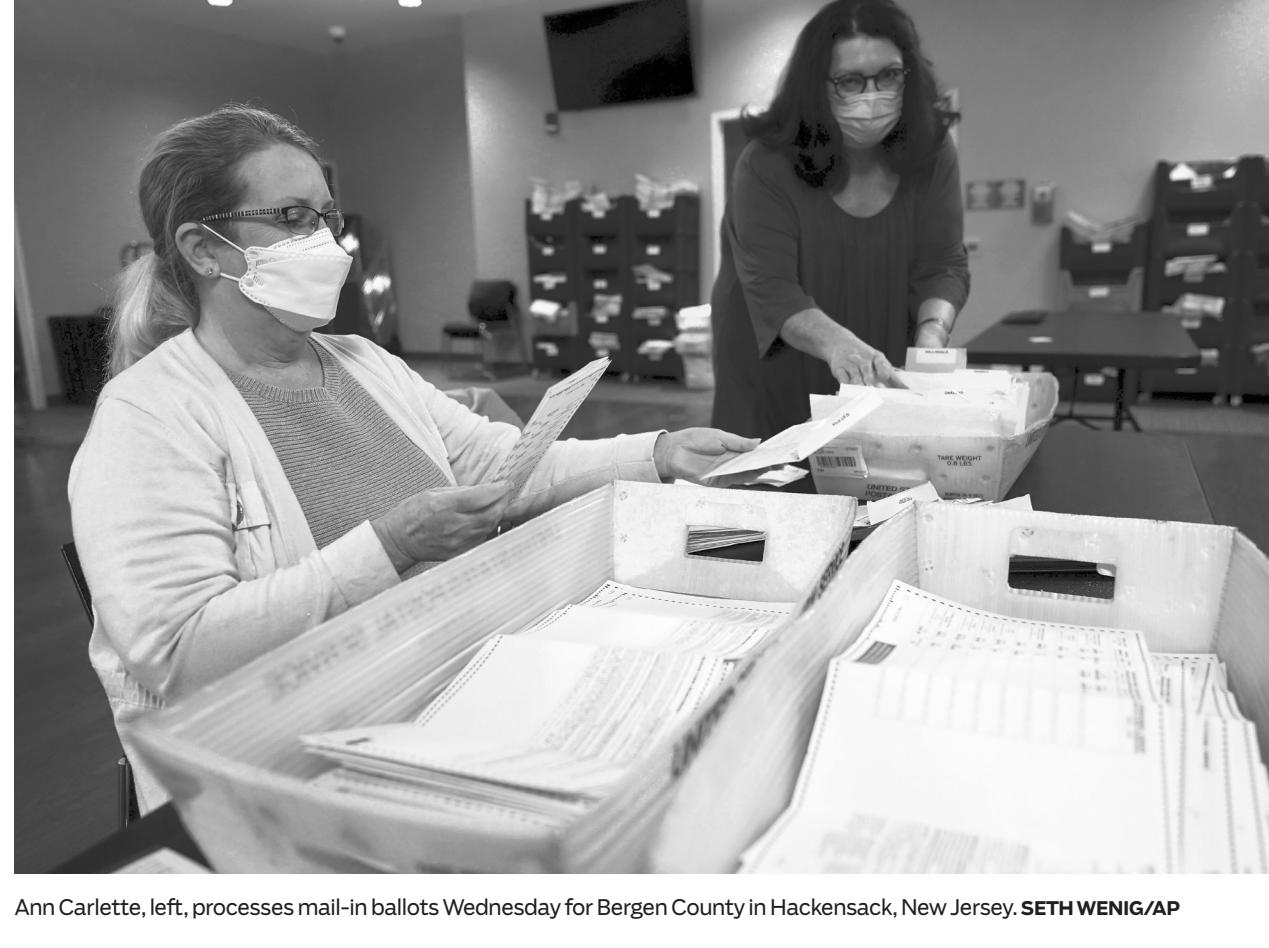
ATLANTA — The first major election day following a year of relentless attacks on voting rights and election officials went off largely without a hitch. Unlike the 2020 presidential election, there were no claims of widespread fraud, ballots emerging mysteriously in the dark of night or compromised voting machines changing results.

The relative calm was a relief to those who oversee elections, but will it matter to those who still believe last year's election was stolen from former President Donald Trump?

Election experts say even a smooth election cycle this year is unlikely to curb the distrust that has built up over the last year within a segment of the public. That skepticism has led to costly and time-consuming partisan ballot reviews, threats to election officials and new voting restrictions in Republican-controlled states.

"I'm extremely concerned that we're not at the end of this," said David Becker, a former U.S. Justice Department lawyer who now heads the Center for Election Innovation and Research. "We're not at the middle of this. We're at the beginning of this, and nobody is addressing it particularly well right now, with the exception of the professional election officials who are keeping their heads down and doing their job."

There has been no



Ann Carlette, left, processes mail-in ballots Wednesday for Bergen County in Hackensack, New Jersey. SETH WENIG/AP

evidence of widespread fraud or other wrongdoing with the 2020 election, and those claims have been rejected by judges, election officials and Trump's own attorney general. Nevertheless, two-thirds of Republicans said Joe Biden was not legitimately elected president, according to an Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll conducted two weeks after Biden's inauguration.

Tuesday's election featured problems typical of an election day that were quickly resolved: power outages, technical issues with equipment or too few ballots at particu-

lar polling places. In New Jersey, confusion over the reporting of election results circulated on social media. The Republican gubernatorial candidate, Jack Ciattarelli, had yet to concede but said after the election that he did not want supporters "falling victim to wild conspiracy theories or online rumors."

Ahead of Virginia's high-profile gubernatorial election, Trump had said in a statement that he was "not a believer in the integrity of Virginia's elections, lots of bad things went on, and are going on." Yet in his statement congratulating Republican Glenn Youngkin,

Trump made no mention of fraud and credited his own supporters with the win.

Matt Masterson, a former top election security official in the Trump administration, noted that little changed between 2020 and this year in how elections are run in the U.S.

"These are the same systems, the same people, the same processes," Masterson said. "Election officials did their job in 2020, and they did it again in 2021."

That elections are mostly running well hasn't stopped Republican officials from making claims about election fraud to justify new

voting restrictions even in places where Trump and Republicans won handily in 2020 and where election officials reported no problems.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, a Trump ally, last week called for a new state office to investigate election crimes. He also seeks new laws adding more restrictions to ballot drop boxes and increasing penalties for those who collect ballots for others.

"I am excited that with this legislation, our state will be able to enforce election violations, combat voter fraud and make sure violators are held accountable,"

DeSantis said in a statement.

Mail voting was hugely popular last year amid the pandemic and helped drive high turnout this year in Virginia. And it was Republicans who did well on Tuesday in Virginia, where Democrats had expanded voting access in recent years. That included no longer requiring voters to provide an excuse to cast a mail ballot.

But GOP lawmakers still say rules around mail ballots must be tightened to address public concerns about fraud, even if there is no evidence it exists.

In Ohio, Republicans have introduced two bills seeking to rewrite state election laws. One calls for prohibiting off-site ballot drop boxes, eliminating a day of early voting and tightening the state voter ID requirement. The other goes even further — reducing early voting from 21 days to six, eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and banning drop boxes altogether. Trump won the state handily, but lawmakers behind the second bill cited the potential of fraud to justify their proposal.

Falsehoods surrounding the 2020 presidential election also triggered death threats against election officials that continue even a year later.

Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson described what the nation is confronting as a "five-alarm fire" and called on industry and community leaders to help defend democracy.

"Those trying to dismantle democracy have shown us again and again that there may be no bottom to where they will go to lie and deceive voters," said Benson, a Democrat.

## 8 dead after crowd surge at Houston music festival

Scores of people injured during Travis Scott set

By Juan A. Lozano  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Fans attending a Houston music festival surged toward the stage during a performance by rapper Travis Scott, triggering panic in the crowd of tens of thousands. At least eight people were killed and many more hurt, authorities said.

The chaos unfolded Friday evening at Astroworld, a sold-out, two-day event at the NRG Park stadium. An estimated 50,000 people were in attendance. It was not clear what set the crowd in motion.

"The crowd began to compress towards the front of the stage, and that caused some panic, and it started causing some injuries," Houston Fire Chief Samuel Pena told a news conference. "People began to fall out, become unconscious, and it created additional panic."

Seventeen people were taken to hospitals, including 11 who were in cardiac arrest, Pena said, and "scores of individuals" were injured.

Witnesses reported lots of

pushing and shoving during the performances leading up to Scott's set.

When Scott took the stage, the crowd seemed to rush to the front, trying to get closer to the stage, said Nick Johnson, a high school senior from the Houston suburb of Friendswood who was at the concert with friends.

"It just got worse and worse. Everyone was like you just can't breathe," said Johnson, who was near the front of the stage in the middle part of the crowd.

Johnson said fans started to crush each other, and people started screaming. He said it felt like 100 degrees in the crowd, which was so thick that he and his friends could not move.

"Everyone was passing out around you, and everyone was trying to help each other. But you just couldn't move. You couldn't do anything. You can't even pick your arms up," Johnson said.

Scott seemed to be aware that something was going on in the crowd, but he might not have understood the severity of the situation, Johnson said.

In a video posted to social media, Scott could be seen stopping the concert at one point and asking for aid for someone in the audience.

At one point, she got trapped behind a barricade while photographing performer Don Toliver

"Security, somebody help real quick."

In a tweet posted Saturday, Scott said he was "absolutely devastated by what took place last night." He pledged to work "together with the Houston community to heal and support the families in need."

Houston Police Executive Assistant Chief Larry Satterwhite, who was near the front of the crowd, said the surge "happened all at once."

"Suddenly we had several people down on the ground, experiencing some type of cardiac arrest or some type of medical episode," Satterwhite said. "And so we immediately started doing CPR and moving people right then."

Satterwhite said he quickly met with promoters, who agreed to end the event "in the interest of public safety."

Amy Harris, a freelance photographer for The Associated Press, described an "aggressive" crowd atmosphere throughout the day because of the way fans were behaving — pushing and rushing the stage barricades and prohibited VIP and admission areas.

At one point, she got trapped behind a barricade while photographing performer Don Toliver



Several people died and numerous others were injured at Astroworld Festival at NRG Park on Friday after a surge toward the stage. JAMAAL ELLIS/HOUSTON CHRONICLE

because about 300 fans rushed the area. They ended up behind the security barricade with her.

"I was scared," she said.

Harris said she encountered a similar scene for the main act at a different stage. She left the media pit after three songs because of the pandemonium, which included people being pulled over the security barricade to receive medical attention.

Houston Police Chief Troy Finner urged people not to jump to conclusions about what caused the surge.

"I think it's very important that none of us speculate,

Nobody has all the answers tonight," Finner said.

"We're going to do an investigation and find out because it's not fair to the producers, to anybody else involved, until we determine what happened," he said.

Event organizers had arranged for medical teams to be at the festival. But once the crowd surge began, those teams were "quickly overwhelmed," the fire chief said.

A field hospital at the scene examined about 300 people throughout the day, he said.

Authorities did not immediately know the causes of

death, and the dead were not immediately identified. A medical examiner planned to investigate.

Scott, one of music's biggest young stars, released two new songs earlier Friday, "Mafia" and "Escape Plan."

Officials set up a reunification center at a hotel for family members who had not been able to reach relatives at the event. Authorities sought to connect families with fans who were taken to the hospital, "some as young as 10" years old, said Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, the county's top elected official.

## Sudan activists reject power-sharing with army

By Fay Abuelgasim and Samy Magdy  
Associated Press

KHARTOUM, Sudan — Sudan's protest movement has rejected internationally backed initiatives to return to a power-sharing arrangement with the military after last month's coup, announcing two days of nationwide strikes starting Sunday.

The movement called for the establishment of a civilian government to lead a

transition to democracy.

The call came as a leader of the country's main political party accused the military leadership of negotiating in bad faith.

The Sudanese military seized power Oct. 25, dissolving the transitional administration and arresting dozens of government officials and politicians. The coup has been met with international outcry and massive protests in the streets of Khartoum.

The takeover has

upended the country's fragile planned transition to democratic rule, more than two years after a popular uprising forced the removal of longtime autocrat Omar al-Bashir and his Islamist government.

Since the coup, the international community has accelerated mediation efforts to find a way out of the crisis, which threatens to further destabilize the already restive Horn of Africa region.

The Sudanese Profes-

sional Association, which led the uprising against al-Bashir, said late Friday that mediation initiatives which "seek a new settlement" between the military and civilian leaders would "reproduce and worsen" the country's crisis.

Under the slogan of: "No negotiations, no compromise, no power-sharing," the association, which has a presence across the country, called for strikes and civil disobedience Sunday and Monday.



People protest amid demonstrations against a military takeover Thursday in Khartoum, Sudan. MARWAN ALI/AP

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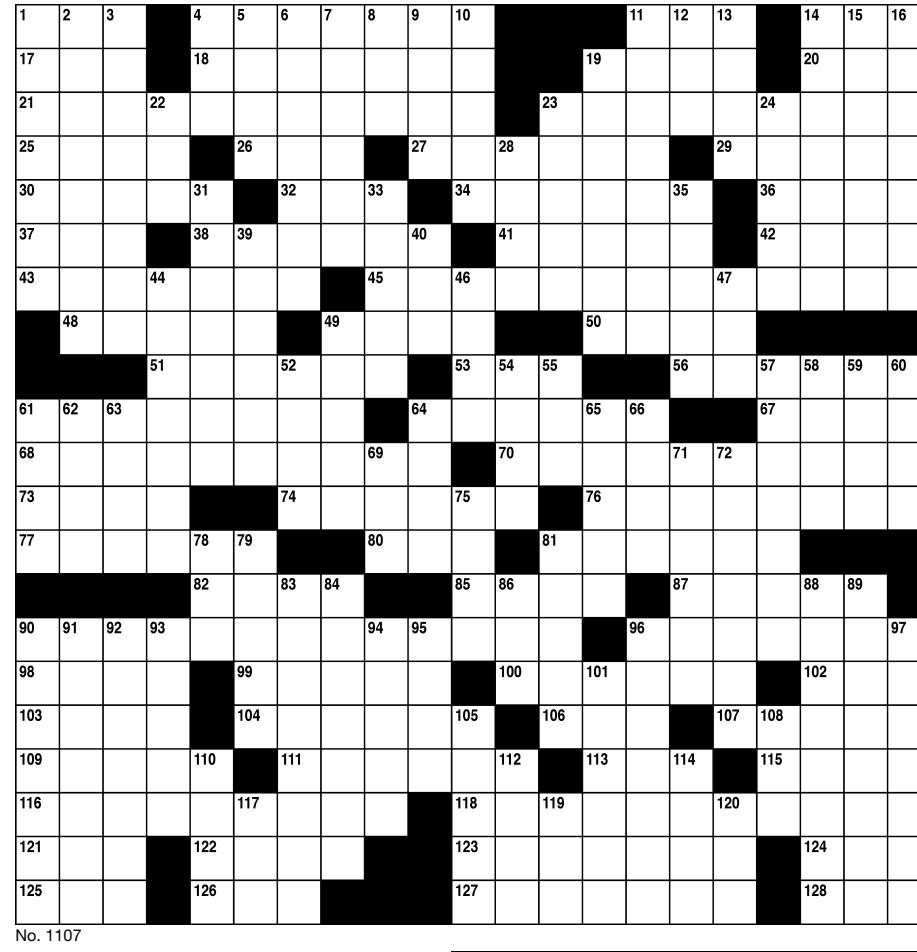
**ACROSS**

- Action done while saying, "Good dog"
- Mischief-makers
- It might click for a writer
- Fall mo.
- Kind to Mother Nature
- Harris in the Country Music Hall of Fame
- Living \_\_\_\_
- Member of the superfamily Hominoidea
- Noted Apple release of 1968, to fans
- Haphazard
- Some crumbly blocks
- Init. for a theatrical hit
- Send away, in a way
- Accomplished the task
- What wiggly lines in comics may represent
- Cause of boom and bust?
- Convene for another session
- Up to it
- What's frequently used by poets?
- "To quote yours truly ..."
- \_\_\_\_ dish
- Heath
- Desperate
- Traditional British entree
- Tries for a role
- S.F. metro
- "Hey ... over here!"
- Derby lengths
- Equivalent of the Face With Tears of Joy emoji
- Give a buzz

**61** Inconvenience  
**64** Execute, as a royal of old  
**67** Classic concert chambers  
**68** Noted U.S. rock group?  
**70** Approximately  
**73** See captain?  
**74** Studio fixtures  
**76** "I'm game!"  
**77** State of equilibrium  
**80** Code-cracking grp.  
**81** Match-ending rugby call  
**82** Bygone sovereign  
**85** Dance-a-\_\_\_\_  
**87** Build on  
**90** Military dismissal  
**96** "You game?"  
**98** State to be the case  
**99** \_\_\_\_ Kornfeld, music promoter for Woodstock  
**100** Daddy-o  
**102** Great Basin native  
**103** Stun  
**104** Heavy weights in Britain  
**106** "Murder, \_\_\_\_ Wrote"  
**107** Samuel \_\_\_\_, business partner of Marcus Goldman  
**109** Gradually wear away  
**111** Lipton competitor  
**113** Keypad triplet  
**115** Critical remark  
**116** Regardless of the outcome  
**118** Hectic trip abroad  
**121** Card in a royal flush  
**122** Purposes  
**123** One runs from Me. to Fla.

**124** Seminoles' sch.  
**125** "You betcha!"  
**126** Northern \_\_\_\_ (curiously named apple variety)  
**127** Have  
**128** Boggy expanse  
**DOWN**

- Fare that's eaten hands-free
- Wanted badly
- Mano a mano
- Negligent
- Silicon Valley's \_\_\_\_ Research Center
- Candy bit that comes in a plastic roll
- "Battlestar Galactica" robots
- Clerical vestment
- F, in music
- Southern region of Mesopotamia
- Fabric options
- Sense of self
- Fluent speaker of Elvish, say
- Uttered a sound
- \_\_\_\_ e
- Bugs
- Relative of a bug
- Churchill \_\_\_\_ Rooms (London tourist attraction)
- Long ball
- City with a Little Havana
- Nickname for José
- Farthest down?
- Anklebone
- Least messy
- Sorority member
- Yang's counterpart
- "I Wanna Be Sedated" band
- Horrid
- Maximum degree
- Wash out
- \_\_\_\_ bunch?
- Profligate sort
- Measures of electrical resistance
- One of the fire signs
- Alveolar trill, as it's commonly known
- Concept, in Cannes
- Just in case
- Glasgow gal
- Mischief-makers
- \_\_\_\_ court
- Stage between larva and imago
- Consecrates
- Act investigated by an insurance company
- \_\_\_\_ ex machina
- QVC alternative
- Journalist Fallaci who wrote "Interview With History"
- Bindis, e.g.
- Running behind
- Kinda
- Berate blisteringly
- They can be wrinkled or thumbed
- Field that deals with fields
- The newest trend, in slang
- Init. at Westminster
- Trigger
- Head for the hills?
- Moved aside (for)
- Cupidity
- Changes from commercial to residential, perhaps
- Places hangers hang
- Guff
- Distributor of CARES Act funds
- \_\_\_\_ Moines
- Popular tick repellent
- Piercing eye hue
- Trial
- \_\_\_\_ of Alexandria (wonder of the ancient world)
- Clinch
- Puerto Rico clock setting: Abbr.
- Ballpark figures, in brief
- Semiserious "Got it!"
- Places hangers hang
- Guff
- Distributor of CARES Act funds
- \_\_\_\_ Moines

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Last Week's  
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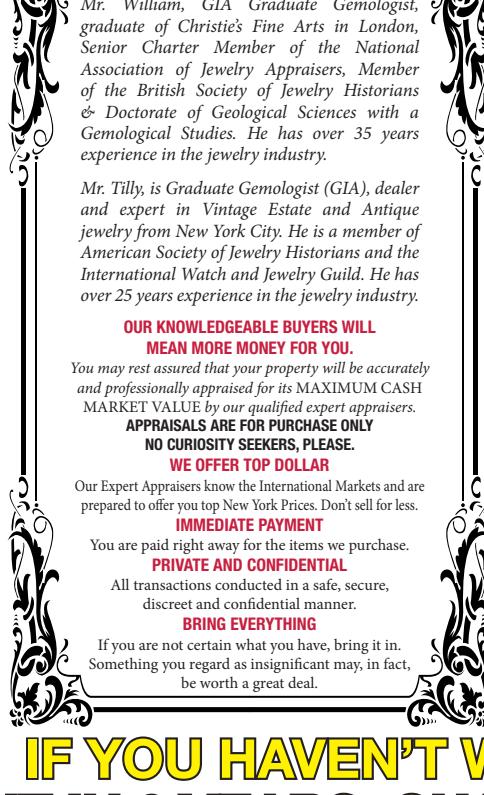
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# Connecticut stars in 5 holiday films

Several movies filmed here will debut soon. Here's where to watch.

By Christopher Arnott

Hartford Courant

If you live in Connecticut and can't wait for Christmas, just turn on your TV. Several holiday films filmed in the state are set to debut in the next few weeks.

"Christmas in Connecticut" is the title of one of the best-known Christmas movies ever, made in 1945 and starring Barbara Stanwyck. The state also featured in "Holiday Inn," the Bing Crosby/Fred Astaire musical which celebrates half a dozen holidays including Christmas and Thanksgiving. Modern comedies like "The

Family Stone" later joined the list of Christmas movies made in the state.

But the number of Connecticut-based holiday movies exploded with the rise of romantic TV movies made for the Hallmark and Lifetime cable channels.

The Hallmark Channel alone produced over 40 Christmas-themed films this year, says Andrew Gernhard of Synthetic Cinema International in Rocky Hill. His company works regularly with Hallmark on the projects that the company films in Connecticut.

Among the upcoming festive films:

■ Next Stop Christmas, which debuted Nov. 6 on the Hallmark Channel, reunites actors Lea Thompson and Christopher Lloyd from the "Back to the Future" films in a seasonal time-travel adventure. It was filmed in Essex (including on the Essex Steam Train), Norwich, Waterford, Deep River, Chester, Hartford and New Haven.

■ A Holiday in Harlem, debuting Nov. 14 on the Hallmark Channel, takes place in the Harlem area of New York City, but was shot over a 15-day period in Hartford and East Hartford. Local brownstones

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"A Holiday in Harlem" is filmed in Hartford, where local brownstones stood in for the upper Manhattan neighborhood. The movie debuts on the Hallmark Channel on Nov. 14. **SYNTHETIC CINEMA INTERNATIONAL**



Mystic is one of "7 Small Towns in the U.S. That Are Secret Food Destinations," according to Conde Nast Traveler. **DENISTANGNEYJR./ISTOCKPHOTO.COM**

# Mystic makes 'secret foodie' list

Conde Nast Traveler recognizes town as a hidden gem for dining

By Susan Dunne

Hartford Courant

**M**ystic is one of "7 Small Towns in the U.S. That Are Secret Food Destinations," according to a list published in late October on Conde Nast Traveler.

The magazine, which has 5 million monthly readers and 16 million digital users, published the list on Oct. 28 to show that "good eating never was limited to metropolises — great restaurants, craft spirits and fantastic flavors are waiting to be found in less assuming destinations."

In Mystic, the restaurants mentioned in the list are Deviant Doughnuts, Shipwright's Daughter, Oyster Club, Red 36 Bar + Grill, Bravo Bravo, Rise, Bank + Bridge Brewing, Barley Head Brewery,

Jonathan Edwards Winery and Saltwater Farm Vineyards. It also gives a shout-out to Mystic Pizza, the local joint where the 1998 Julia Roberts movie "Mystic Pizza" was filmed.

"Mystic is an eccentric amalgamation of chefs and purveyors with innovative approaches to using the best products in the region and a commitment to sustainability," Shipwright's Daughter president Amanda Arling told the piece's author, Emily Cappiello.

Dan Meiser of Oyster Club said when he opened that restaurant 10 years ago, one goal was to help, with other restaurants, turn Mystic into a nationally recognized foodie destination.

"There was already an understanding that Mystic had a vibrant and robust restaurant scene. It's always been a tourist destination and gets a ton of traffic, historically in the warmer

months," Meiser said. "We wanted to create a place where our locals would find comfort and value and delicious food year round and where people would travel to Mystic specifically for the restaurants."

"Now, I have talked to people who come and book a weekend in a hotel in February, March, November, based on a Saturday night reservation at Oyster Club. It's good for the town's economy as a whole. People shop, they go to other restaurants. Restaurants have upped their game," he said.

Other towns highlighted in the list are Tupelo, Mississippi; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Lake Chelan, Washington; Saugatuck, Michigan; Conshohocken, Pennsylvania; and Ketchum, Idaho.

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## Forgiving jobless benefits isn't easy

Residents have been asked to repay millions in overpayments

By Keith M. Phaneuf  
CT Mirror

While lawmakers scramble to assist residents who have been told they must repay millions of dollars in excess unemployment benefits they collected — without fraud — during the pandemic, labor officials are warning that the matter is far more complex than many realize.

Two-thirds of the repayment obligations tallied to date are owed to the federal government, Department of Labor Commissioner Dante Bartolomeo told the legislature's Appropriations Committee.

More important, the latest projection of what must be recouped — about \$30 million — is based on a review of only about 40% of the applications for unemployment benefits filed between March 2020 and September 2021.

"That number will grow, simply because of the volume that we have," Bartolomeo said.

## Coronavirus produced a deluge of jobless claims

The coronavirus hit the state labor agency with an unprecedented deluge of claims in 2020 as hundreds of thousands of residents lost work due to the coronavirus.

In an average year, pre-pandemic, the department pays out state benefits to an average of 40,000 jobless claimants per week.

By June 2020, about three months after COVID-19 struck Connecticut, the weekly caseload peaked at 392,000 — nearly tenfold the normal average.

And while Connecticut has recovered about 70% of the jobs lost since then, the weekly caseload remains above average at 50,000, according to Bartolomeo.

The labor department, like some other state agencies, also has been forced to work with severely outdated technology — in this case, a claims processing system developed in the 1980s that relies on COBOL, a business computer programming language first created in the late 1950s.

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# Salute opens restaurant in 'the new Little Italy'

Hartford favorite now in Rocky Hill Route 3 corridor

By Susan Dunne  
Hartford Courant

Salute, a Hartford restaurant-scene favorite since 2011, has opened a satellite location in Rocky Hill. Co-owner Andy Rizzo called the Route 3 corridor where his new restaurant is located "the new Little Italy."

"The whole Italian section of Hartford seems to be moving or expanding south — DiFiore's Ravioli Shop, Mozzicato bakery, Carbone's, all of these businesses started in the South End," Rizzo said. "We get our sweet potato ravioli sheets from DiFiore's. They just have to walk them across the parking lot. There are more Italian places on top of that. This place couldn't be a better fit."

Rizzo, the lively host, runs the front of the house while co-owner and chef David Caudill runs the kitchen, which is partially obscured from the dining area by tinted glass partitions.

"You can see the kitchen, but you can't hear it," he said. "It's easier to have conversations."

The 4,100-square-foot space at 277 Cromwell Ave. is roughly the same size as the Hartford location, which is presided over by the third owner, James Cosgrove and chef Oscar Ramos.

Rocky Hill has a capacity of about 110 people, more during warm weather with the addition of outdoor dining. The bar is more prominent in Rocky Hill, with 16 seats and six high-top tables.

A private-function room seats 20. The ceiling and parts of the wall were painted by local artist Tao LaBossiere.

The menu is largely drawn from the menu at Salute Hartford, with a few additions, deletions or minor changes.

"It's the same price structures [and] portions," Rizzo said. The menu opens with the decadent "soon to be famous" garlic cheese bread and popular meatball salad.

Many Hartford favorites are on the bill: the creamy Rose Pasta with sausage, mushrooms and spinach; shrimp fra diabolo and shrimp picatta; rigatoni pomodoro; and chicken gnocchi.

Rocky Hill offers a ribeye, hanger and Boston strip steaks. Unlike Hartford, there is no filet mignon on the menu, Rizzo said. Prices have been volatile lately because of the supply chain crisis.

Additions not on the Hartford menu include steamed mussels, risotto cakes, butternut squash salad and short rib Bolognese.

"We do a ragu Bolognese in Hartford, but we wanted to change it up a bit," Rizzo said.

Rizzo, Caudill and Cosgrove first met when they all worked at Hot Tomato's in Hartford. Salute Rocky Hill's sous chef, David Belton, also is a veteran of Hot Tomato's.

Salute Rocky Hill is open Monday from 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Tuesday to Thursday from 11:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday from 3-9 p.m.

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The Hallmark movie "The Holiday Fix-Up" was filmed in Mystic, Norwich and Ledyard. **SYNTHETIC CINEMA INTERNATIONAL**

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substitute for Harlem houses and the Hartford train station was made up to resemble New York's 125th Street subway station. "A Holiday in Harlem" is about a businessman who's too busy to acknowledge Christmas, and stars Will Adams, Olivia Washington and Tina Lifford.

■ Sugar Plum Twist debuts Dec. 2 on the Hallmark Channel. Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" figures prominently in this tale of two girls who, according to the film's description on the International Movie Database, "create a surprise reprise of 'The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy'... with a Latin twist."

Directed by actor Eric Close, it stars Jamie Gray Hyder, Ektor Rivera and Robert Loftus and was filmed in New London, Old Saybrook and Norwich.

■ The Holiday Fix-Up debuts Dec. 11 on the Lifetime Channel. Two ex-lovers (she's an inn-keeper; he's a contractor) must work together to fix up an old house in time for the annual Christmas Eve Harborfest.

"The Holiday Fix-Up" was filmed in Mystic, Norwich and Ledyard, and stars Jana Kramer, Ryan McPartlin and Maria Menounos.

■ Soul Santa, starring married actors David Mann and Tamela Mann, plus Jose Gomes Alves, was made for the BET channel. While an exact release date has not yet been announced, it is expected to air this December. It was filmed in Norwich and Willimantic and, since it's the story of a businessman who disguises himself as a mall Santa, it was also shot at the East Brook Mall in Mansfield.

The release dates are subject to change, but the films have all been completed or are in the late stages of post-production.

## Timeless with some fun

Keith Nielsen, a New York-based costume designer who returned to his old hometown of Manchester during the pandemic, worked on four of those movies.

Nielsen has special insights into the productions. He says he's looking forward to "Soul Santa" because "Tamela Mann sings an original Christmas song in it, and I'm a big fan of that song."

He says "Next Stop Christmas" has "Easter eggs that 'Back to the Future' fans can pick out" buried in the backgrounds of the film.

As the costume designer, he got to fit Christopher Lloyd

in a heavy coat he customized from a military coat into a distinctive conductor's uniform, and also found a glamorous original Halston gown for Lea Thompson. "I was excited to get my hands on it. A Halston gown is something I'd never seen in a Hallmark movie before."

Nielsen says he works to create a "timeless" look for Christmas films, since they tend to endure and be rewatched year after year.

The wintertime stories and festive themes of Hallmark Christmas movies provide a jumping-off point for his designs. "Hallmark definitely loves bright colors, and definitely loves winter coats. When you're bundled up outside, the look becomes all about the coat."

■ Why shoot in Connecticut?

That's also where the picturesque Connecticut landscapes come in.

Christmas films can get made in Connecticut almost any time of year, says Synthetic Cinema's Gernhard.

It's somewhat easier in the fall than in summertime, when actors might have to wear multiple layers of clothing and pretend it's

snowing outside when it's actually 90 degree weather.

The production schedule can be demanding with

an immovable December deadline, however. "Between the last week and the second week in November, we're working on six movies, all of which will be airing before Christmas," Gernhard says. He estimates that there will be over 100 new Christmas movies being made around the country this year, including the 41 made by Hallmark.

Synthetic Cinema was also hired to do post-production works on several films not shot in Connecticut, including "Christmas in Montana," "Christmas in Santa Fe" and the Nashville-set "Christmas in Tune" starring Reba McEntire.

Coming out of the pandemic, this year has been Gernhard's busiest since starting his production company in 2004. "In 2021, we've had basically four times the work we've ever had since we started," he says. "We did 21 movies in one year."

"All of this is good for Connecticut," Gernhard says.

"It's a big influx of production casts for Connecticut." He says production crews can rent out entire hotels for weeks when they are filming in certain parts of the state, and that the crews shop and eat locally.

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## Weddings

### SHILLO - BELANGER



Monday, October 11, 2021

Bronya Shillo and Mitchell Belanger were married in a sunset ceremony at Castle Hill Inn, Newport. Ms. Shillo is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Shillo of West Hartford, CT & Fishers Island, NY.

Mr. Belanger is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Belanger of Adams, MA.

Mr. & Mrs. Belanger are residents of Newport.

The Maid of Honor was Kate Shillo Beardley of Denver, CO and the Best Man was Russell Belanger of Great Barrington, MA.

Bridesmaids were Lindsay Wooten Day of Maryland and Amanda Litch Lowell of Vermont. Groomsmen were Ryan Belanger of Adams, Massachusetts, Michael Landau of Wethersfield, Connecticut, Tristian Maiorano of Providence, Rhode Island and Travis Bailey of Lee, Massachusetts.

Ms. Shillo is a graduate of Salve Regina college and Mr. Belanger American International College, Springfield, MA.

Bronya is the founder & owner of Fishers Island Lemonade and Mitchell is construction project manager at Alliance Restoration.

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Department leaders reassigned personnel and quadrupled staff assigned to the claims system to develop software upgrades and accelerate claims reviews.

Further complicating matters, Congress authorized several programs to enhance states' unemployment benefits with federal dollars, and many of those continued through early September of 2021.

## Overpayments usually caused accidentally

Bartolomeo told the committee that the department received about 1.5 million applications for jobless benefits between March 2020 and September of this year.

But the labor department wasn't the only entity in new territory.

Employers and workers, who also hadn't experienced a pandemic, had to navigate new programs. The federal CARES [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security] Act alone created three new major forms of federal aid in March 2020.

In some cases, employers who laid off staff only to rehire them after receiving an emergency federally backed Payroll Protection Program loan sometimes forgot to notify the state in a timely manner, Bartolomeo said.

In other cases, workers who lost and then regained jobs made unintentional errors in filing.

Less than 1% of the problem is due to miscalculations or procedural errors by the state, according to labor officials.

Some intentional wrongdoing also has been iden-

tified. Bartolomeo said the department established about 115,000 "impostor" applications — which were never paid out.

Still, about 600,000 applications of the nearly 1.4 million remaining after fraud screening have been audited to date. And out of that subset, about 2%, or 13,000 applications, were found to involve nonfraudulent overpayments totaling about \$30 million. A final tally, which is still months away, could be significantly larger.

Bartolomeo said about \$20 million of the \$30 million tallied so far involves enhanced federal benefits. The state legally must recoup those and return them to Washington.

Another \$10 million involves benefits paid out of the state unemployment trust.

But leaders of the General Assembly's Appropriations and Labor committees are worried that forcing all recipients to repay the full \$10 million — or more, once all applications have been audited — could cause serious setbacks for thousands of households already suffering.

"People were trying to survive," said Rep. Toni E. Walker, D-New Haven, House chair of the appropriations panel, who said she suspects most of the extra payments households received were spent on groceries, rent and utilities.

"People can't go back and claw back the food."

Economists say most of the jobs lost during the pandemic were in the restaurant and retail industries, both of which typically employ low-paid staff.

But Sen. Craig Miner of Litchfield, ranking GOP senator on appropriations, told Walker that "I have a hard time feeling the same level of passion that you do."

Replenishing that trust, legally, is the responsibility of Connecticut businesses, who face a special assessment that would be tantamount to a significant tax hike. So any dollars the state puts in effectively amounts to tax relief for businesses.

The state also has a habit of bending the rules — and quite frequently — when it comes to delinquent taxpayers.

Even if the people "double-dipped" by accident, Miner said, "somebody's got to pay this back," adding that it's unfair to place that burden on the state. "Let's let it work itself out."

## Why aren't households getting help?

But Sen. Cathy Osten, D-Sprague, the Appropriations Committee's other co-chair, said Connecticut already has committed to share responsibilities of others harmed by the pandemic. It shouldn't ignore workers who now, unintentionally, owe millions.

"We need all of the numbers, but as long as there is no fraud, I would be open to looking at that," she said.

Gov. Ned Lamont and the state legislature already has committed to deposit \$155 million into the state's unemployment trust, and some legislative leaders have said the state should consider adding even more.

The trust, which covers the state unemployment benefits, borrowed \$700 million to remain fiscally afloat during the pandemic, and another \$300 million may be needed before the calendar year's end, labor officials say.

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"I don't think anybody should be harshly treated in a quick manner," he said, adding the state cannot simply offer blanket relief either. That means waiting until the labor department has a full accounting of overpayments, and then determining which households need assistance the most.

"We have to help our community," Arora said, "when it is fair and appropriate."

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Ethan Allen	ETD	15.96	32.15	24.87	1.66	7.2	▲	23.1	63.2	■■■■■	0.7	21	3.4
Eversource Energy	ES	76.64	96.66	84.41	-0.49	-0.6	▼	-2.4	-6.2	■■■■■	12.0	23	2.9
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	32.53	66.08	65.02	0.55	0.9	▲	57.7	104.3	■■■■■	-0.6	...	5.4
Ford Motor	F	7.63	19.50	19.29	2.21	1.29	▲	11.95	154.2	■■■■■	13.7	22	2.1
Freeport McMoRan	FCX	17.58	46.10	37.04	-0.68	-1.8	▲	42.4	106.8	■■■■■	27.8	14	0.8
FuelCell Energy	FCEL	2.01	29.44	8.95	0.96	12.0	▲	-19.9	316.1	■■■■■	-23.5	...	...
Gen Dynamics	GD	132.57	210.21	201.00	-1.75	-0.9	▼	35.1	45.8	■■■■■	7.8	17	2.4
Gen Electric	GE	58.64	115.32	108.74	3.87	3.7	▲	26.1	68.0	■■■■■	-11.7	...	0.3
Hartford Fn Sv	HIG	37.87	78.17	71.83	-1.10	-1.5	▼	46.7	91.9	■■■■■	12.5	12	2.1
Honeywell Intl	HON	159.42	236.86	226.06	7.44	3.4	▲	6.3	26.4	■■■■■	18.2	32	1.7
Horizon Tech Fin	HRZN	11.43	17.95	17.60	0.15	0.9	▲	32.9	61.5	■■■■■	18.7	24	6.8
Infosys Ltd	INFY	14.17	24.28	22.79	0.51	2.3	▲	34.5	57.4	■■■■■	26.5	35	...
Inovio Pharmaceut	INO	5.81	19.00	6.69	-0.45	-6.3	▲	-24.4	-35.1	■■■■■	2.2	...	...
Intel Corp	INTC	44.24	68.49	50.92	2.27	4.7	▼	2.2	13.9	■■■■■	11.0	10	2.7

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Kaman	KAMN	33.93	59.80	41.94	5.62	15.7	▲	-27.5	-5.3	■■■■■	0.1	26	1.9
Lincoln Natl Corp	LNC	33.75	77.57	72.46	0.31	0.4	▼	▲	44.0	109.8	9.5	21	2.3
MGM Resorts Intl	MGM	20.57	50.39	50.37	3.21	6.8	▲	▲	▲	59.9	121.1	13.2	...
Magellan Health Inc	MGLN	70.95	99.36	94.75	-0.08	-0.1	▲	▲	▲	14.4	18.9	13.7	6
Meta Platforms Inc	FB	244.61	384.33	341.13	17.56	5.4	▲	▲	24.9	16.9	67.5	22.7	25
MetLife Inc	MET	37.41	67.68	63.99	1.19	1.9	▼	▲	36.3	67.5	11.6	13	3.0
Micron Tech	MU	49.44	96.96	72.92	3.82	5.5	▲	▼	-3.0	39.2	34.1	14	...
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	200.12	336.54	336.06	4.44	1.3	▲	▲	51.1	56.5	42.6	46	0.7
Novartis AG	NVS	78.61	98.52	83.65	0.89	1.1	▲	▲	11.4	3.7	9.8	21	3.6
Nvidia Corporation	NVDA	115.67	313.65	297.52	41.85	16.4							

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**Jill Schlesinger**  
Jill on Money

## Indexing stands the test of time

When it comes to investing, I have long adhered to a simple acronym: KISS, which stands for "Keep It Simple, Stupid." As a result, when I get questions about how to select the "right" portfolio allocation, I usually end up recommending a mix of index funds or index-based exchange traded funds (ETFs), which track an established stock, bond, real estate or commodity index. Indexing allows investors to diversify their risk for a fraction of the cost that managed funds charge.

Although I have been a fan of indexing for decades, I did not know the origin story until I interviewed Robin Wigglesworth, global finance correspondent for the Financial Times and author of the new book "Trillions: How a Band of Wall Street Renegades Invented the Index Fund and Changed Finance Forever."

According to Wigglesworth, the elegant investment solution that index funds provided can be traced back to a time before Vanguard founder Jack Bogle's 1976 Vanguard First Index Investment Trust, or Charles Ellis' 1975 article, "The Loser's Game," the famous missive that quantified active managers' disappointing results versus passive investments. Wigglesworth explores the index fund's roots all the way to a Depression-era analyst named Alfred Cowles III, a student of speculation and financial markets.

Building on the research of a turn-of-the-20th century French mathematician named Louis Bachelier, Cowles released a fundamental building block for the advent of indexing. His 1933 article was titled "Can Stock Market Forecasters Forecast?" and the answer was "a terse, brutal three-word abstract: 'It is Doubtful.'" Wigglesworth notes that Cowles' calculations "indicated that only a minority of prognosticators managed to do better than the stock market as a whole, and blind luck might explain those." Nearly 90 years later, the results are eerily consistent.

Wigglesworth told me that "the math around indexing is irrefutable," a notion that S&P, the company that licenses its indexes to various fund families, echoes in its annual analysis. While in any given year, a managed fund might beat its relevant index, over longer time horizons, those that survive rarely beat their bench marks.

When I have trotted out that kind of data to managed fund adherents, they have warned that the proliferation of index funds and index ETFs would mean that all investors would be subject to a dangerous and risky herd mentality. The theory was that when investors are riding high amid the good times, few would worry about being in a crowded trade. But having so many piled into the same index could turn disastrous during a market collapse, as the once-confident herd of bulls would charge for the exit at the same time.

"The worry among some skeptics," Wigglesworth said, is that struck with a barrage of withdrawal requests, especially in the more thinly traded bond market, an ETF sponsor "might be unable to sell its holdings to meet them and collapse."

That could, in turn, spark fears over fixed-income ETFs at large, leading to a frenzied rush for the exit that triggers a broader bond market collapse." This fear was put to the test in the pandemic's early days. March 2020 was perhaps the closest thing we've had to a stress test for passive investing. Instead of withering amid extreme volatility, Wigglesworth said, ETFs acted as a "shock absorber" to the system, not a trigger for collapse. "The turmoil in the broader bond market would likely have been worse had ETFs not existed to absorb the selling spree."

The investment industry has long reacted to indexing with "a mix of indifference, snickering, snark and outright hostility," says Wigglesworth, which makes me a bigger fan of the strategy than ever.

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**"Think of your focus like a flashlight. You direct it toward one task, and then you disengage and move it to the other task, back and forth. You aren't shining two flashlights on two tasks simultaneously."**

— neuroscientist Amishi Jha



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## THIS WILL GET YOUR ATTENTION

3 science-backed ways to sharpen your mental focus

By Marcel Schwantes | Inc.

**D**o any of these experiences sound familiar? You get to the bottom of the page and realize you have no idea what you just read. Entering a room, you've forgotten why you went there in the first place. Looking up from your phone, you realize you've been scrolling for way too long.

What happened? Your attention lapsed. And it lapses a lot, so much so that, according to research, we are missing 50% of our lives.

When such lapses occur during our workday, they not only may annoy us, but they also may be consequential for our success and productivity.

So, how can you own your attention while working from home or in the office? In her new book, "Peak Mind," leading neuroscientist Amishi Jha gives us some good news first.

According to Jha, "Our brains are not broken. In fact, having our focus pulled away by email alerts or even alarming thoughts generated within our own mind is exactly what the brain's attention system was designed to do."

Jha explains that our focus snaps to novel, salient information. It's what alerted our ancestors to threats in their environment. But, when we are at work, and this ancient brain response gets triggered by the buzz of our phone, we have to expend mental energy to guide our focus back to where we need it.

This could be a conversation or meeting you need to pay attention to, the report you need to finish, or the new idea you want to mull over. Jha puts it this way, "Guiding attention back to where we need our focus over and over again is exhausting. And even before we can bring our focus back to the task at hand, we need to realize we've misplaced it in the first place."

Thankfully, there are science-backed ways we can help ourselves. Here are three Jha offers:

### 1. Stop multitasking

Multitasking is a myth. What we actually do is task-switching. Notice that the term focus is singular. Jha advises, "Think of your focus like a flashlight. You direct it toward one task, and then you disengage and move it to the other task, back and forth. You aren't shining two flashlights on two tasks simultaneously. When all of your focus is needed, turn off notifications and engage in serial 'monotasking' for better results."

If you really need to do more than one attentionally demanding task at the same time, remember that there will be a lag in your performance. Think of it as the cost of reentry from one task to the next. Do not add to that lag by further berating yourself for not being able to do two things at once. Just shift back and begin again.

### 2. Practice brain breaks throughout the day

The only way to find your focus when you are lost on social media or lost in thought is to look for it. Jha suggests doing this short practice multiple times a day as a way to check in with your attention: S (stop what you are doing); T (take a breath); O (observe what is happening within you and around you); and P (proceed). "This brain break allows you to return to the present with the flashlight of your focus right here with you, so you can direct it where you need it," she writes.

### 3. Exercise your attention with a mindfulness routine

We can train our minds to pay attention differently. And using mindfulness training to do so has mood- and performance-boosting effects. But before you begin this 12-minute daily mindfulness practice, remember that the goal is not

to have unwavering focus; that is not possible. Jha reveals, "Our minds were designed for distractibility. You are training instead to notice where your focus is and get it back on track when you need it."

Begin by sitting comfortably with your posture upright yet easy. Think "upright," not "uptight." Feel free to close your eyes. Jha provides these four steps:

**1. Focus:** Select sensations of breathing that are most prominent for you. Think of the breath as the target for your attention. The sensations could be movement, like your chest moving, or coolness on your skin as air flows from your nose. Now, keep the flashlight of your focus on these breath-related sensations.

**2. Notice:** Notice when your mind has wandered away from the breath. Your focus may have moved to thoughts, sensations or memories.

**3. Redirect:** When this happens, simply redirect your attention back to the breath.

**4. Repeat:** Begin again. Focus, notice, redirect.

This practice is highly customizable. Pick another target for your attention if you'd like. If you are walking somewhere, focus on the sensations of walking. You aren't thinking about walking; you are focusing on the sensations of your feet touching the ground, moving and touching the ground again. Eventually, this practice can be used while we are working. The email, the meeting, the report, these can all take turns as the target for our attention. Focus, notice mind wandering, and redirect back.

Don't worry about all the thousands of thoughts that may come up; your mind was not designed to be thought-free. Mindfulness is often framed as an optional wellness activity or an exclusively spiritual pursuit. As Jha's research into the science of attention reveals, implementing mindfulness into our work lives has the power to benefit our performance, leadership and well-being. Jha offers a scientifically sound alternative to avoidance and distractibility: presence.



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# Tax implications of rollovers, other reader questions



**Elliot Raphaelson**  
*The Savings Game*

**Q:** In an earlier column, you indicated that if an individual rolled over a 401(k) account to a traditional IRA, if there were after-tax contributions, RMDs would be taxable unless a Roth conversion was done with the after-tax contributions. That does not seem right. Can you clarify?

**A:** If an individual rolls over a 401(k) with both pre- and post-tax contributions, then when RMDs are required, the owner must file IRS Form 8606 in order to receive a credit for the after-tax contributions. The form would specify the pro rata computations applicable. In order to avoid the pro rata calculation, and the requirement to submit Form 8606, IRA expert Ed Slott's group recommended that a Roth conversion be executed for the post-tax contributions. In that way, all the subsequent RMDs would be taxable, and there would be no need for filing Form 8606.

**Q:** My first husband died several years ago. He worked many years under Social Security. I am now 70, and I never applied for survivor benefits. I have remarried. Am I eligible for a survivor benefit based on my first marriage?

**A:** The answer depends on several factors. First, how old were you when you remarried? If you were younger than 60, you will not be eligible for a survivor benefit based on your first marriage. Even if you were 60 or older when you remarried, there are other factors. Specifically, are you now receiving a Social Security benefit based on your work record or a spousal benefit based on your second marriage? You would be eligible for a survivor benefit only if it is greater than the benefit you are receiving based on your work record or the spousal benefit based on your current marriage.

As long as you did remarry after 60, then you can contact Social Security to determine if you are eligible for a survivor benefit.

**Q:** I don't expect to apply for a Social Security benefit until age 70. Will the recent cost-of-living increases be included in my benefit when I retire?

**A:** Yes. Any cost-of-living increases will be included in your benefit whenever you decide to apply for it.



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**Q:** I have been purchasing individual common stock in one security for several years. I will be selling some of the shares in the near future. How do I determine the basis of the stocks I sell in order to determine the profits I will have to report. What options are available?

**A:** You should see your tax adviser to determine the best option for you. Your broker should be able to provide you with the cost basis for recent years. Unfortunately, prior to specific dates, you, not the broker, have the responsibility to determine the cost basis.

For common stocks, investors have the responsibility to determine the cost basis before Jan. 20, 2011. For mutual funds, investors have the responsibility before Jan. 1, 2012. For other securities, including bonds, options and other derivatives, investors have the responsibility before Jan. 1, 2014.

According to Bankrate, you have three

basic options:

- First in, first out, or FIFO. The oldest shares purchased are sold first. This method typically results in larger gains.
- Average cost. You calculate this by dividing the total dollars invested by the total number of shares held. This is typically used for mutual funds and shares acquired through dividend reinvestment plans.
- Specific identification. You pick specific shares based on your tax situation. You might choose the longest-held or shortest-held shares to sell first.

Bankrate notes: "Unless you choose differently, the IRS default method for stocks, ETFs, bonds, options and other securities is FIFO, so your broker is just following the rules on that one. The default method for mutual funds is average cost."

*Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphaeliot@gmail.com.*

## Social Security still lags inflation, new study shows

**By Sandra Block**

Kiplinger's Personal Finance

Retirees will likely receive a cost-of-living increase of about 6% in their Social Security benefits next year, the biggest jump since 1982.

But if you expect to see seniors dancing in the street, you'll have a long wait because many retirees have seen costs for everything from prescription drugs to groceries rise at a much higher rate.

A new study by the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College confirms what many seniors have long believed: The annual increase in Social Security benefits often falls short of their actual costs — particularly when it comes to health care.

A major factor is the cost of Medicare Part B premiums, which have historically increased at a higher rate than Social Security benefits, the CRR analysis found.

Medicare premiums have risen at a faster rate because the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services uses a different formula to calculate the annual adjustment, says Patrick Hubbard, an

economic research associate for the CRR.

Part B premiums are supposed to cover 25% of the projected cost of covered services, with federal government revenues covering the remaining amount. Those costs are affected not only by inflation in health care but also by increases in the quality of care and the amount of care that beneficiaries use, Hubbard says.

A "hold harmless" provision in the law prevents an increase in Part B premiums from exceeding the increase in Social Security benefits if premiums are automatically deducted from Social Security payments. Still, higher Part B premiums have reduced the amount seniors have available for non-health expenses, the study found.

Taxes could also take a bite out of the cost-of-living increase. If all of your income comes from Social Security, there's a good chance you won't have to pay any taxes on your benefits.

But if you have other sources of income, such as a pension or withdrawals from retirement savings accounts, you could pay federal taxes on 50% to 85% of your

benefits.

Social Security taxes are based on what's known as your provisional income — your adjusted gross income, any tax-free interest, plus 50% of your Social Security benefits. If the total is less than \$25,000 and you're single, or \$32,000 and you're married, all of your benefits are tax-free. Provisional income between \$25,000 and \$34,000 for singles and \$32,000 and \$44,000 for married couples will trigger taxes on up to 50% of your benefits. Provisional income of more than \$34,000 for singles and \$44,000 for married couples will subject up to 85% of your benefits to taxes.

Because half of your Social Security benefits are included in the formula, a cost-of-living increase could bump up the amount of taxes you'll pay, Hubbard notes. "If the COLA pushes you from under \$25,000 to over \$25,000, you're suddenly paying taxes on 50% of your benefits, which will wipe out a decent portion of your increase."

*Sandra Block is senior editor for Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine.*



**Terry Savage**  
*The Savage Truth*

## How you can get affordable health insurance

The American Rescue Plan Act enacted last March created a huge revision to the Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare) that has made the best health insurance more affordable to more Americans, regardless of income.

Even applicants with higher incomes will now be eligible for meaningful subsidies for 2022. And many people with low incomes who were previously required to pay as much as 4% of their income in premiums now will pay nothing for coverage.

That makes it worthwhile for uncovered individuals and families of any age and income to check in at Healthcare.gov to find the best plans in their state and to see what kind of subsidy they can receive. Even people who currently carry individual insurance may find that the new expanded subsidies make it worthwhile to buy that same plan on the Healthcare.gov marketplace, since the subsidy could reduce their premiums.

The sign-up period for these ACA plans — gold, silver and bronze — started Nov. 1 and runs through Jan. 15.

The new ACA definition of "affordable care" says no one should pay more than 8.5% of their income in health insurance premiums. The specific amount of the subsidy you receive on an ACA plan is determined by your age (and the age of your spouse or dependents) as well as your location and income. It's also based on the cost of a benchmark silver plan in your state.

In the past, many people avoided the exchange plans listed at Healthcare.gov because they felt their access to favorite physicians or hospitals would be limited. Now, well-known insurers such as Blue Cross Blue Shield and Humana are offering their top-of-the-line individual plans in many states through Healthcare.gov.

Many of these plans offer an extensive HMO or PPO network, typically in the gold plan tier. Or you can choose a silver or bronze plan with less expensive monthly premiums and more restrictions, such as higher deductibles and copays. No matter which plan you choose, the premium is reduced by the amount of your subsidy.

Finding your monthly subsidy amount is easy, without even revealing your identity. At Healthcare.gov, click on "Get Ready to Apply." You'll be asked only three simple questions: your age, ZIP code and estimated income for 2022. Then you can easily add a spouse (including age and income) or a dependent child.

The site instantly calculates the amount of your monthly subsidy. Then you can filter plans being offered in your area to find the least expensive in the gold, silver or bronze category — or the ones that include your favorite physicians. You can instantly compare monthly costs — after your premium subsidy is applied.

But be sure you're not just looking at low monthly premiums. Check potential total deductibles and the limit on out-of-pocket costs with each plan before deciding. Then you can click and apply instantly.

If you're wondering about those subsidies, here are a couple of examples. But it's worth checking in at Healthcare.gov to find your own specific credit.

■ A couple living in Illinois (male age 60 and female age 55) with combined income of \$100,000. Before these new ACA changes, they would have been ineligible for a premium subsidy. But now, their subsidy will be \$490 a month, regardless of which plan they chose.

■ A woman in Illinois, age 55, expected to earn \$55,000 in 2022. Under the old rules, she would not have qualified for a subsidy. But under the new more affordable rules, she will receive a subsidy of \$151 a month.

Obviously, your ultimate monthly premium cost depends on the plan you choose. But searching at Healthcare.gov is essential, because in many big cities there are more than 100 plans to choose from.

Whether you currently have coverage or have gone uncovered because of cost, the game has now changed. Start your search for coverage at Healthcare.gov immediately. The new low cost may surprise you. That's The Savage Truth.

*Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and the author of four bestselling books. She responds to questions on her blog at TerrySavage.com.*

## How to reframe tough feedback conversations

It can be just as difficult to give critical feedback as it is to receive it. Here's how to navigate that challenge. After surveyed 300 human resources professionals about their most challenging conversations forty percent said giving critical feedback is the most challenging conversation they face. Here's how we can successfully navigate these challenging conversations.



### Set ego aside

As leaders, we must embrace vulnerability, set our egos aside, and admit our failings when necessary. If we approach tough conversations with openness and humility, it's much easier to be open to positive solutions.



### Use straight talk

There is the human tendency to focus so much on our own feelings and intentions that we overestimate the clarity of our communication, resulting in vague messages that don't accurately convey what we mean. To avoid falling into this cognitive trap, use straight talk, which means communicating with clarity, accuracy, and respect. Support your feedback with data and facts.



### Focus on the future with feedforward

Feedback focuses on the past. Feedforward reframes the conversation to solutions for the future. Acknowledge the past with feedback, but introduce feedforward as a way to focus on proactive possibilities. This helps reframe the conversation from challenging and difficult to hopeful, productive, and positive. When we set our egos aside, embrace vulnerability, admit mistakes, use straight talk, and focus on feedforward, we can use critical feedback for the gift that it is.

**SOURCE:** Maya Hu-Chan, Inc.

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<b>ASHFORD</b>	Betty J. Zeaman
<b>AVON</b>	Joseph Genis
	Peter A. Thomsen
<b>BLOOMFIELD</b>	Charlotte M. Collins
	Martha C. Ekwall
<b>BOLTON</b>	Arlene Weaver
<b>BRISTOL</b>	G. Roland Houle
<b>BURLINGTON</b>	Jeannine R. Chojnicki
<b>CLINTON</b>	Andreas Rivers*
<b>COVENTRY</b>	Eileen Schopper
	Betty J. Zeaman
<b>CROMWELL</b>	Michael G. Amenta
<b>DEEP RIVER</b>	Andreas Rivers*
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<b>GRANBY</b>	Joseph Genis
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<b>MANSFIELD CENTER</b>	Betty J. Zeaman
<b>MERIDEN</b>	John A. Horn

\* Denotes name listing only.  
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

**OBITUARIES****Amenta, Michael G.**

Michael "Mike" Gerrard Amenta passed away on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at the age of 60. Michael passed away peacefully of natural causes in Tampa, FL, near his place of residence in Sun City Center, FL. Michael was born on November 11, 1960 at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown, to the late Mary (Banamassa) Amenta and Sebastian Amenta. He grew up in Cromwell, CT with his parents and three siblings. Michael worked as an electrician with the union IBEW local 35 of Hartford for more than 30 years. He bought his first house in Middletown, CT, where he resided for over 30 years before achieving his dream of becoming a Florida resident.

Michael had many hobbies and interests. He loved spending time with his lifelong best friend Stephen Baronowski. He enjoyed boating on the Connecticut River with his close friends Daniel Labby and David Valentine. He made time with his family at least once a year to vacation on Cape Cod in Truro, MA. He was also, much to the dismay of his parents and siblings, an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox. He also took great interest in motorcycles and vintage automobiles just like the Model T Ford that his grandfather owned.

Michael is survived by his three children Jillian Santoro, Berlin, CT, Victoria Amenta, Middletown, CT and Sebastian Amenta, Middletown, CT, his granddaughter, Raegan Warzocha, his three siblings Anthony Amenta, Melbourne, FL, Lucy Iannucci, Cromwell, CT, and Joseph Amenta, Middletown, CT, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family and friends may call on November 12, 2021 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Cromwell Funeral Home, 506 Main Street, Cromwell. A funeral service will follow at 6:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mike's memory may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit [www.doolittlefuneralservice.com](http://www.doolittlefuneralservice.com).

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**Badon, Francis H.**

Francis H. Badon, 93, of Plainville passed away Monday (November 1, 2021) at the Hospital of Central Connecticut. Born on March 25, 1928 in New Britain, he was the son of the late Francis and Catherine (Kulesa) Badon. Francis served honorably in the Korean War as a PFC in Mash Unit 8225. He married the love of his life, Bruna, in 1952 and they raised six children together. Francis proudly worked at Stanley Works for over 43 years, working his way up from mail clerk to Foreman and then Production Control. Francis was a member of VFW Post 574. He was a parishioner of Saint Joachim Parish - St. Ann Church. Francis will be greatly missed by his children, Sharon Slisz, Donald Badon (Tamera), Donna Karimian (Masood), David Badon and Elaine Martin (Bill Morris). In addition he leaves his beloved grandchildren, Candi, Michael, and Kevin Slisz (Meredith), Rachel and Dylan Badon, Leila Cancellieri (Marco), Mina Careswell (Josh), Ladan and Saeed Karimian, Steven and James D'Amore, and Carolyn Martin; along with his cherished great grandchildren, Kevin and Maya Slisz, Matteo and Giulietta Cancellieri, and Max Careswell. Francis also leaves his sister-in-law Olga Steppeney (Charles), his brother-in-law, Nello Gerardi and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his three sisters, Stephanie Krystopa (Anthony), Helen Buratti (Harry), Mary Barnes (Edward), his brother Edward (Madeline) and his twin brother Anthony (Mary). He was also predeceased by his daughter, Kathleen D'Amore (Steve). The family would like to thank Dr. O'Hara, Dr. Parisi, and Dr. Badara for their expert care and the Plainville Police and EMTs for their efforts. Services will be private. Masks are required. In lieu of flowers please donate to your favorite charity. A celebration of the lives of Francis and Bruna will be held at a later date. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.newbritainsagario.com](http://www.newbritainsagario.com).

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**OBITUARIES****Babcock, Dorothy (Hunter)**

Dorothy Hunter Babcock, 95, of Simsbury, CT, beloved wife of the late Clair Parkhill Babcock (2010), passed away peacefully on July 21, 2021 surrounded by her loved ones. She was predeceased by her sister, Marjorie Anderson Drummond, and her brother Dr. John Marshall Hunter.

Born in Mendham, New Jersey

on February 13, 1926, the daughter of John Marshall Hunter and Dorothy Hope Hunter. Dotty graduated from Penn Hall Preparatory School and College. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, and a truly empathetic friend. Her quiet demeanor, unparalleled humility, and desire never to be the center of attention were punctuated by kind gestures, the insistence family came first, and her signature "Dotty-isms."

Dotty and Clair cherished their summer visits to Owasso Lake to visit her sister Midge and host memorable gatherings for family and friends at their cottage overlooking the lake. Her love of God was evident in everything she did. She was a member of First Church of Christ, Simsbury for 38 years and a committed volunteer for Meals on Wheels and the Granby Library.

She is survived by their three children, their spouses, eight grandchildren and one great granddaughter: J. Hunter Babcock and his wife Lisa Wade of Roanoke Virginia, Abigail, Ian, and Skye Keene-Babcock; her favorite daughter Louise Babcock Ries and her husband William of Westlake Village, California, J. Tyler and W. Hunter Ries; and Richard Parkhill Babcock and his wife Mary O'Toole Babcock of West Hartford, Connecticut, Matthew, his wife Jennifer and their daughter Holly Claire, Jeffrey, and Emily Babcock. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Elizabeth Fisher of Pittsford, New York, and several nieces and nephews.

There are no calling hours. The First Church of Christ, Simsbury will hold a celebration of Dotty's life on Friday, November 19th at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to First Church of Christ, 689 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury, CT 06070. For online condolences, please visit [www.vincentfuneralhome.com](http://www.vincentfuneralhome.com)

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**Birdsey, Donald B.**

Donald Berten Birdsey, 81, passed away on November 1st, 2021. He was the beloved wife of the late Mary Paula (Dunleavy) Birdsey for 52 Years. Donald was born in Middletown, CT, son of the late George and Barbara (Berten) Birdsey.

Don graduated from Pine Crest Prep School in Fort Lauderdale, FL, and attended

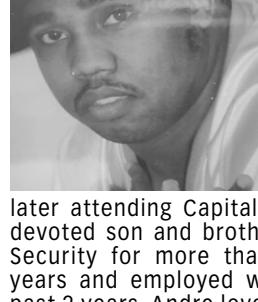
the University of Florida. After 27 years of service, Don retired from the Planning Department of Kaman Instruments in April 2006.

Don and Mary were married in 1967 and lived in Middletown for several years before moving to the Rockfall section of Middlefield where they lived for many years. Don was a member of the Middlefield Lions Club where he was Financial Treasurer and served on many committees. He was awarded a Life Member of the Lions. He served on the Pine Grove Cemetery Board of Directors, and he was an active member of his church, St. Elizabeth Seton (now called the St. Josephine Bakhita Parish) serving on the Welcoming Committee for several years.

Don is survived by his sons Brian and Matthew and his wife, Nicole and his three loving granddaughters, Aubrey, Katelyn, and Emily Birdsey. He is also survived by his sister-in-laws, Dottie (George) Kunze and Ann Dunleavy. He was predeceased by his sisters, Bette Klacsmann and Barbara Gustafon, and brother-in-law Daniel Dunleavy. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and life-long friends.

Don's family will receive relatives and friends on Thursday, November 11th from 9:00 to 10:30 am at the Doolittle Funeral Home, 14 Old Church Street, Middletown. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am in Saint Elizabeth Seton Church at St. Josephine Bakhita Parish, 280 Brook Street, Rocky Hill. Burial will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery, Middletown. In lieu of flowers, donations in Don's memory to the American Cancer Society, 111 Founders Plaza, 2nd Floor, East Hartford, CT 06108. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit [www.doolittlefuneralservice.com](http://www.doolittlefuneralservice.com).

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**Brown, Andre Charles**

Andre Charles Brown, 38 of Hartford, CT, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Friday October 29, 2021 at Hartford Hospital. Born in Hartford on May 31, 1983 the son of Anthony D. Brown and Helen T. (Fothergill) Brown, Andre was a lifelong resident of Greater Hartford graduating from Wethersfield High School, Class of 2003 and

later attending Capital Community College. He was a devoted son and brother; had been employed by USA Security for more than 10 years; HomeGoods for 5 years and employed with FedEx as a carrier for the past 2 years. Andre loved music and was an entertainer well known locally as "Master aka Dre". An avid bowler, he bowled in many leagues throughout the years; was a member of the Special Olympics participating on basketball and bowling teams and loved to root for the San Francisco Forty Niner's. As a youth he dreamed of being a firefighter and for many years was a member of the Wethersfield Fire Explorers. He was a member of The First Cathedral in Bloomfield for over 30 years where he enjoyed participating in several of the ministries and events within the life of the church. Overall he will be remembered for his smile, infectious laugh, engaging personality, easy going attitude toward life; his love for his family and friends and will be greatly missed and remain in our hearts forever. Besides his parents, Andre leaves to mourn his passing a brother, Shawn A. Brown of New Britain, CT; his sister Arianne L. Neves of Waltham, MA; six nieces and nephews, Wayne C. Williams of New Britain, CT; Christopher A. Williams of Meriden, CT; Brianna S. Neves of Milton, MA; Aiyanna S. Neves of Atlanta, GA; Nevaeh S. Hobson and Keshan S. Hobson both of Waltham, MA; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his sister Antoinette C. Brown; paternal grandparents James W. and Henrietta H. (Bolling) Brown and maternal grandparents Gerald W. and Helen A. (Green) Fothergill. A special acknowledgement goes to the Gabianelli family of Rocky Hill, CT who always treated Andre like a son and a brother to their son Tony. Andre's family will receive friends on Thursday, November 11, 10-11 a.m., followed by a Homecoming Service at 11:00 a.m., at The First Cathedral, 1151 Blue Hills Ave., Bloomfield, CT. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery, Bloomfield, CT. Carmon Windsor Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. For online condolences please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).

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**Booth, Edith Mary**

Edith Mary Williams Booth of West Hartford, CT set off to heaven on October 31, 2021. Edie was the daughter of Alfred H. Williams and Ruth Bromage Williams. Edie is survived by her treasured family: Norman "Sandy" Booth Jr. and his wife Donna of The Villages, FL and his children Ryan & Jill Booth, Kaitlyn (Booth) & William Monteith, Colleen &

Maureen; Steven W. Booth and his partner Joan of Windsor Locks, CT and his children, Jessica (Booth) & Seth Paulo, Shawn & Meghan; Brian L. Booth and his wife Susan of West Hartford, CT and their children Shannon (Booth) & Matthew Eden and Erin; Patrick C. Booth of Suffield, CT and his children Lauren and Nicholas; and Carolyn (Booth) and her husband Justin Brown of Londonderry, NH and their children, Meghan and Kevin. Great Grandchildren; Luke, Isla & Lia. In addition, Edie is survived by her cherished twin sister Anne W. Marcure and her sister-in-law Patricia (Booth) Douglas and her husband Doug. As well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Edie was pre-deceased by her beloved husband Norman C. Booth Sr. and her beloved daughter-in-law Carol (Losen) Booth as well as her brother-in-law Richard Marcure.

Edie was raised in Enfield, Connecticut where she was an active participant in The Episcopal Church and school community. Edie attended the University of Connecticut and was a proud Husky. It was here that she was introduced to Norman C. Booth on a blind date. Norm and Edie were married in the Spring of 1957, eventually settling in Enfield CT with their soon to be clutch of four boys. Edie spoke of these early years on Debra Street with great fondness; lifelong friendships with other young families were formed there. The Booth family eventually moved to West Hartford, Connecticut where Edie's talent as an educator of young children truly shined. Edie was employed by the town as a program instructor, eventually becoming program coordinator for the division of Leisure Services. She was at her best wandering the farm at Westmoor Park with a group of littles in tow introducing them to the natural wonders that surrounded them or coordinating the next town sponsored family program for Elmwood Community Center. This position also provided her the opportunity to bring along her young daughter, Carolyn. She relished her days in this position and the friendships gained.

Edie was a Granny to 13 (her lucky number). She was in great awe of all their accomplishments professionally & academically; she lived vicariously through each of them. In recent years this lucky number grew to 16 with the addition of 3 great-grandchildren. In the last few weeks of her life, Granny was able to meet the newest addition baby Lia and also was told that once again her brood would be growing; this brought her immense joy. Many of Edie's most prized memories with her grandchildren were from summer days spent in the Berkshires at 'Booley' Camp, the Booth family summer home which was built by Norm and his boys. Being a Booley camper translated to days of fun in the sun with Granny, swimming and frogging, fishing, and cookies and ice cream for supper - life's simple pleasures. Granny was also known for her fun filled holiday themed parties on Westland Avenue; her Halloween inspired porch was well known in the neighborhood.

In their retirement years, Jekyll Island, Georgia became a special place of meaning for Norm and Edie. They spent many years there together; walking the golden isle beaches, organizing golf tournaments, happy hour, and potlucks, and enjoying life and the beauty that surrounded them. Edie held onto many special friendships from Jekyll and recalled her time there with Norm and her family with great fondness.

After Norm's passing in 2011, Edie became a widow and relocated to a wonderful community in Farmington, Connecticut. She ventured on with grace, style and an overall positive energy & outlook on life. This perhaps is what she was best known for. She was up for anything; was involved in many clubs and organizations and often became the epicenter of a conversation or a gathering. She had a quick wit and a very generous spirit. A warmth naturally exuded from her, and many people found comfort in her presence. She was a dear friend to many. Her family will miss her dearly.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 4-6PM at the Holy Family Retreat Center 303 Tunxis Rd. in West Hartford, CT. A celebration of life will be held on Thursday November 11 at 11:00AM at the same location. Burial will be private. In lieu of donations Edie's family asks that you share a laugh with a friend, take your pup for a walk on a warm sunny day or star gaze during the next full moon.

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**Bors, Darius**

Darius Bors, 59, of Newington, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 28, 2021. Born in Poland, son of Zofia (Obrebska) Bors of South Carolina and the late Jozef Bors, he graduated Central CT State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science before entering the U.S. Coast Guard. While serving in the military, he lived in various places

around the world including Guam, Hawaii, and St. Croix until settling in Newington in 2009 after his honorable discharge. Darius retired from Cianbro Corporation as Safety Manager in June of 2021. Darius's passion was in all things sailing and found joy and comfort out on the ocean. Along with his mother, he leaves his sister Elizabeth Carlson and her husband Mark of Newington, and his brother Mark Bors and his wife Amy of OK, his nieces, Summer Bors, Kaleigh Young, her husband Kegan, and their daughter, Abigail of TX, and Brenna Moss of SC. He was predeceased by his stepfather, Eric Bartz. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, November 11th, at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 158 Broad St., New Britain. He will be laid to rest in Sacred Heart Cemetery, New Britain. Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Burritt Hill, 332 Burritt St., New Britain is serving his family. To share a memory with his family, please visit us at [www.duksa.net](http://www.duksa.net).

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**Smith, Michael S.**

Michael S. Smith, 78, of Middletown, CT, passed away on April 7, 2021, leaving his wife of over 58 years, Judith Tomasetti Smith, daughter Michelle and her husband Richard Grierson. He is also survived by his sisters Kathryn Hand, Susan Stiles and their husbands, his in-laws Carol, Fred, Laurel and David Tomasetti, many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. For Michael's full obituary, visit the Abbey Funeral & Cremation website.

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**Bazzano, Cynthia P.**

Cynthia P. Bazzano of Eastham, MA formally from South Windsor, CT passed away peacefully on Nov 3, 2021, surrounded by her children.

Cindy was born February 16, 1940 in Springfield, MA. She was the daughter of Enoch and Esther Pelton. She attended Ellsworth High School in South Windsor and graduated from Hartford Hospital School of Nursing. It was at Hartford Hospital that she met the love of her life, Tom, while caring for his sister. They were married May 18, 1963 for almost 50 years and spent most of their lives in South Windsor in a house designed and built by Tom. Many happy memories were made in that home with their five children. Cindy loved being a mom. Many hours were spent baking, cooking, and freezing fresh fruits and veggies from Tom's garden. Home was truly where her heart was.

Later, Cindy had the opportunity to pursue her dream of higher education and received her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at The University of Hartford. She then went back to work full time at Hartford Hospital. Her time as a nurse was very fulfilling as she was a very compassionate and caring person who loved helping people in their time of need. After retirement in 1995, Cindy and Tom moved to Cape Cod to be closer to their children and help out with the family business, the Hole in One and Fairway in Eastham and Orleans. Cindy enjoyed making customers happy. She loved pouring coffee and putting extra treats in customers' bags. She would have lively chats with the locals each morning. She was most proud to work alongside her daughters and eventually her grandchildren. Cindy was also known for her generous deliveries of the day's extras to various local establishments. A donut or muffin was never discarded on Cindy's watch! She even recruited her son at times to drive her to her donut deliveries during inclement weather.

In her retirement, Cindy spent many hours walking in the marsh with her children, grandchildren and dogs. She loved nature and particularly loved feeding the birds, ducks and turkeys that visited her yard daily. Cindy considered herself lucky to have her entire family all living in the same town just minutes away. With such a large family there was always a reason to get together, celebrate and eat. Birthdays, anniversaries and holiday gatherings centered around food gave her the greatest joy. Cindy was most happy when she was at home surrounded by her family and her beloved dogs.

Cindy is preceded in death by her beloved husband Tom and her brother Oliver Pelton. She leaves behind her devoted children, Kristina Bazzano, Erica Taber and husband Ken Taber, Jamie Wacht and husband Dan Wacht, Lori Field and husband Bob Field and son Brent Bazzano all of Eastham, MA; sister Karen Boucher also from Eastham; three sisters in law; Fran Lund and husband Peter of South Windsor, CT, Lucy Murkette of Vernon, CT and Carol Pelton of Harwich MA; 8 grandchildren Jake Field, Jeb Field and wife Tori, Nick and Casey Taber, Sydney and Ethan Wacht, Taylor and Harrison Field and many nieces and nephews. Cindy was deeply loved and will be missed by all.

Services are private. If desired, donations in memory of Cindy can be made to Wild Care, Inc 10 Smith Lane, Eastham, MA 02642 or Alzheimer's Family Support Center of Cape Cod 2095 Main St. Brewster, MA 02631. For online condolences, please visit [www.nickersonfunerals.com](http://www.nickersonfunerals.com)

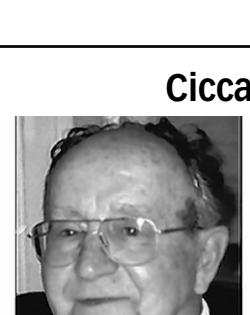
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**Chojnicki, Jeannine R.**

Jeannine R. Chojnicki, 85, of Burlington, beloved widow of Fred E. Chojnicki, Sr., passed away peacefully Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021. Born April 21st, 1936 in Willimantic, she was the daughter of the late Fernand and Germaine (Deshaires) Roberge. Prior to retiring, Jeannine was a Bookkeeper at Ace Advance Paper in New Britain.

Jeannine was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church in New Britain. She loved spending time with her family, reading, and in her retirement enjoyed round dancing at the New Britain Senior Center. Jeannine is survived by her three children, Fred Chojnicki Jr. and his wife Debbie of Newington, Kathryn Iorli and her husband Dean of Sarasota, FL and Susan Duffy and her husband Christopher of Burlington, her grandchildren, Jeremy Chojnicki, Brandon Chojnicki and his wife Allison, Jillian and Allison Duffy, three great-granddaughters, Izabella, Julianna and Lila Chojnicki, her two sisters, Elaine Rubino and Eva Lynn Beaulieu both of Bristol and several nieces and nephews. Friends may call at The Ahern Funeral Home, 111 Main St., Rt. 4, Unionville on Wednesday (Nov. 10) from 5:00-7:00pm. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Season's Hospice, 1579 Straits Turnpike, Unit 1E, Middlebury, CT 06762 or to the UConn Hospice Program c/o The University of Connecticut Foundation, Inc., UConn Health Development Office, 10 Talcott Notch Road, Suite 100, Farmington, CT 06032. To send online condolences to the family, please visit [www.ahernfuneralhome.com](http://www.ahernfuneralhome.com).

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**Ciccarelli, Frank**

Frank (Chet) Ciccarelli, 99, of New Britain, passed away on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at the Hospital for Central Care, New Britain, after a brief illness.

Frank was born on August 17, 1922 in Hartford to Romolo and Anna Ciccarelli. He was the beloved husband of Nellie Ciccarelli who predeceased him in 2012.

Frank is survived by his daughter, Roseann Hauschulz, her husband Bob of Newington, and Grandson, Kevin Hauschulz of New Britain. And numerous nieces and nephews.

Besides his wife, he is predeceased by brother Albert Ciccarelli, sister Ann Machulskis and sister Lee Ciarcicello.

Frank was a veteran of the U. S Army during WWII. After the war, he was employed by Royal Typewriter Company and then Stanley Works where he retired. He was a very skilled carpenter. Items of his craftsmanship are visible in his home and in others. He built the porch on his house and restored the basement of his home into a wonderful recreation room. Frank was a man of few words, but those who had the privilege of knowing him, were aware of his quick wit and sense of humor. He was a kind, generous, and gentle man, always willing to help others. We will miss him greatly. A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 11:00 AM at St. Jerome Church, 1010 Slater Rd., New Britain, CT 06053. Burial in St. Mary Cemetery will be private. New Britain Memorial Sagarino Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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**Collins, Charlotte M. (Cook)**

Charlotte M. Collins, 102, died Friday, October 22, 2021 at McLean in Simsbury, CT. She was born in Middlebury, CT on May 29, 1919 to Allen and Emma (Shepardson) Cook. As a girl Charlotte and her sisters often visited Connecticut state parks and forests with their father and they became skilled at wildflower identification. She was active in Girl Scouting, earning its highest award, the Golden Eagle.

Charlotte majored in Home Economics at the University of Connecticut (Class of 1941) and belonged to the Phi Beta Pi sorority. At a local Grange meeting during her freshman year, she met Walter Collins, a Poultry Husbandry student. Charlotte taught at Plainville (CT) High School during the early years of World War II where she also registered people for Civil Defense duties and ration coupons. She and Walt married on June 7, 1943 during his weekend leave from the Army in a ceremony performed by her brother Frederick.

Following the war they moved to Durham, NH when Walt joined the faculty of the University of New Hampshire College of Agriculture. Charlotte and Walt lived in Durham for over 50 years. They had four children who participated in local scouts, athletic teams, church choirs, and youth groups. The family enjoyed hiking in the White Mountains, camping, and traveling to many parts of the U.S. Charlotte and Walt made a special effort to welcome UNH graduate students from other countries to join the family for meals, games, and hikes to share the natural beauty of New Hampshire's mountains and seashore.

Charlotte was dedicated to enhancing community life in Durham. She was particularly active in the Women's Guild at the Durham Community Church, helping to start the multi-church Christmas Fair Day that became a long-standing town tradition. She served as a troop leader and Wider Opportunity selection committee member for the Swiftwater Girl Scout Council and took on leadership roles within Durham's transportation, parks and recreation, and housing programs.

Charlotte and Walt developed many long-lasting friendships in Durham, most especially their "Supper Club" who met regularly for decades. In the 1970s they built a cabin ("The Barn") in Grantham, NH, where children, grandchildren, and friends spent treasured time in the quiet woods. Charlotte and Walt moved to the McLean retirement community in Simsbury, CT in 2002. They enjoyed re-exploring back roads of Connecticut and together identified over 200 New England wildflowers and native plants.

Charlotte was pre-deceased by her siblings Alice, Ethel, Marion, and Frederick Cook, and her husband of 74 years, Walter. She was pre-deceased by just four days by her sister-in-law Frances Whitehead with whom she shared a special bond. Charlotte is survived by her children and their spouses: Jerry (Lin) Collins of Evergreen, CO; Marilyn (Daniel) Rachlin of Clarksville, TN; Richard Collins of Lorton, VA and his close friend Darlene Reynolds of Washington, DC; Barbara (Charles) Goodwin of Bloomfield, CT; her grandchildren Tyler and Drew Collins; Beth Rachlin; Christopher, Kenneth (Kenya), and Peter Collins; Deborah, Katy, and Andrew (Heather) Goodwin; and her great-grandchildren Dominic Collins; Kaidyn Collins; and Hailey and James Goodwin. She is also survived by several Shepardson cousins and many nieces and nephews and their families.

Charlotte was a remarkable woman who inspired her family, friends, and caregivers with her steady optimism, curiosity, resilience, and kindness. She remained engaged with life and cherished those closest to her until her final hours. The family is deeply grateful that Charlotte was embraced with so much warmth and care by the aides, nurses, and staff of the McLean community, her home for the past 19 years.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, November 12, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the First Church of Christ, 689 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT. Burial will take place in the Durham (NH) Cemetery. The Vincent Funeral Home of Simsbury, CT is handling arrangements. Please visit Charlotte's Book of Memories at [www.vincentfuneralhome.com](http://www.vincentfuneralhome.com) for online tributes.

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**Dempsey, James C.**

James Carroll Dempsey, 84, of Simsbury, beloved husband of Dorothy (Allen) Dempsey, died Thursday, October 28, 2021. Jim was born April 9, 1937 in Brooklyn, NY, son of the late James Carroll and Anna (Mulcahy) Dempsey and lived in New Canaan for many years prior to moving to Simsbury 11 years ago. Jim is a Veteran of the U.S. Army

retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel after having served over 20 years

as a faculty member for the Command & General Staff College. Jim had a distinguished military career earning many hon-

ors including: the Silver Star Ribbon, Meritorious Service Ribbon, Army Achievement Ribbon, Good

Conduct Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Achievement Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Ribbon and Army Service Ribbon.

Jim was a graduate of Brooklyn Prep High School, Fordham University, and Fordham University Law School. Attorney Dempsey was an admitted member of the state courts of New York and Connecticut, the United States Court of Military Appeals, the US District Court of Connecticut, US District Court Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, US Court of Appeals Second Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. He worked for Stauffer Chemical in Westport CT as General Counsel for many years, retiring in 2013.

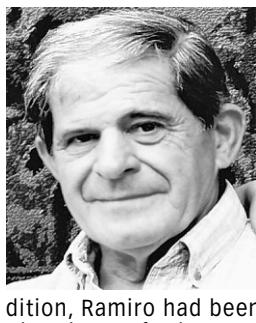
Jim was a member of St. Catherine of Siena Church in West Simsbury. He enjoyed golf and was a member of the Silvermine Golf Club and the Simsbury Farms Geritol Swingers. He had a love for classical music and was a talented trumpet player in the Fordham University Marching Band, the New Canaan Town Band and the Simsbury Town Band. Jim also enjoyed spending time outdoors ice boating, skiing and gardening and earned and maintained his civilian pilot license. Jim also enjoyed woodworking and had fun with remote control model airplanes and Lionel model trains.

In addition to his loving wife of 56 years, he is survived by his children, Jeff Dempsey and his wife Amy of Simsbury, James Dempsey III and his wife Amy of Kennesaw, GA and Geraldine Blum and her husband Ken of Hinckley, OH and his grandchildren, Sarah, Mark, Scott and Brian Blum of Hinckley, OH, Anne and Charlotte Dempsey of Kennesaw, GA and William, Madelyn and Amory Dempsey of Simsbury. He was predeceased by his brother, John Dempsey.

His family will receive friends on Friday, November 12th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Vincent Funeral Home, 880 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury. Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, November 13th 11:00 AM at St. Catherine of Siena in West Simsbury. Burial with military honors will follow in Simsbury Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Please visit Jim's Book of Memories at [www.vincentfuneralhome.com](http://www.vincentfuneralhome.com) for online tributes.

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**DeSousa, Ramiro**

Ramiro DeSousa, 85, of Newington, beloved husband of Lina Romao, passed away Friday, November 5, 2021, at home with his family. Ramiro was born in Madeira Island, Portugal, and immigrated to the Hartford area almost 70 years ago. Before his retirement, Ramiro was a foreman with the Balf Company in Newington. In addition, Ramiro had been a patron of Our Lady of Fatima Church, Hartford, a member of the Hartford Portuguese Club, Newington, and was an avid Portuguese soccer fan.

Along with his wife, Ramiro leaves his two sons, daughter and their spouses. Ramiro Jr. and Kirsten DeSousa of Portland, Jeffrey and Daisy Figueiredo of Rocky Hill and, Terri and Kevin Bingham of Pennsylvania; two sisters, Maria Lulita Daigle of Enfield and Maria Vieira of Madeira Island, Portugal; two sisters-in-law, Vickie Sousa of Wethersfield and Maria Sousa of TX and six grandchildren, Amanda, Felicia, Alex, Nikki, Nathan, and Luca.

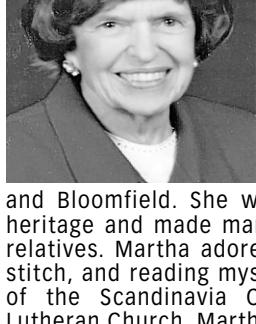
Ramiro was predeceased by two brothers, Antonio Sousa and Orlando Sousa; three sisters, Dolores Perri, Alida Justo, Isabel Pinheiro and five brothers-in-law, Jose Vieira, Adelino Justo, Art Pinheiro, Joseph Perri and Richard Daigle.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday, November 9, 11:30 am at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Hartford. Following the Mass, burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Calling hours will be before the funeral from 9:30 to 11:00 am at the Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Ave., West Hartford.

In lieu of flowers, you may make Memorial contributions to Our Lady of Fatima Church, 50 Kane St., Hartford, CT 06106. Online condolences are at [www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com](http://www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com).

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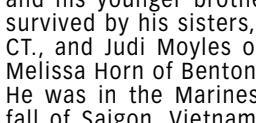
**Ekwall, Martha Carlson**

Martha Carlson Ekwall. Martha passed away at age 94 on November 3, 2021. She was the only child of the late Martha and David Carlson. Born on July 27, 1927, Martha graduated from Hall High School in 1946. She was the wife of the late Walter Ekwall. Martha and Walter were married for 64 years. Martha had lived in Sweden, West Hartford, and Bloomfield. She was very proud of her Swedish heritage and made many trips to Sweden to visit her relatives. Martha adored cats, enjoyed counted cross stitch, and reading mystery books. She was a member of the Scandinavia Cultural Society and Emanuel Lutheran Church. Martha leaves her two sons and their families. Son David and his wife Susan of West Hartford and their children, Hillary, Brendan, and Julia. Son Robin and wife Laurie of Simsbury and their daughters, Kayla, and Karissa. She also leaves her niece, June Palmberg Nichols. Martha was a gifted singer and baker. She was loved dearly and will be missed by all who knew her.

There are no calling hours, and the funeral will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to Emanuel Lutheran Church, 311 Capitol Ave. Hartford, or the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Road Newington. Online condolences may be made at [www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com](http://www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com)

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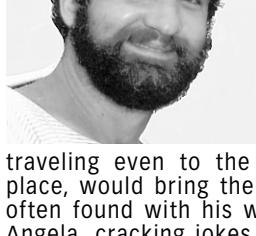
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**Horn, John A.**

John August Horn, 65, passed away on October 10, 2021 peacefully in his sleep from complications with cancer in the VA hospice care in West Haven, CT. He was the son of the late Otto Horn, Jr. and the late Shirley Horn and his younger brother, the late Otto Horn III. He is survived by his sisters, Tammy Dimmock of Willington, CT, and Judi Moyles of Meriden, CT, and a daughter Melissa Horn of Bentonville, AK.

He was in the Marines for two years. He was in the fall of Saigon, Vietnam. He was an active member of the Army National Guard. He was trained in telecommunications at Trumpl. He was an avid Red Sox fan.

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**Fezio, James M.**

James M. Fezio, 64, of Newington, passed away after a long illness on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021, with his beloved wife Kristine at his side. Jim was employed by Hanger Orthotics at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center since 1984. Where ever he was, he brought joy. The simplest pleasures, such as drinking coffee, eating copious amounts of food, or traveling even to the nearest and least interesting place, would bring the greatest smile to Jim. He was often found with his wife, Kristine, and his daughter, Angela, cracking jokes or playing goofy pranks on his patients and co-workers. Jim had a heart of gold and would give anything to anyone to make someone happy. He was a devoted partner to his wife of 36 years, Kristine (Karavas) Fezio; a loving hero to his daughter Angela Fezio of Newton, MA; and brother to Robert and Louis Fezio, both of Washington. He was an incredible mentor to many and a friend to all, a noogie-giver to his patients, and will be dearly missed, especially by his darling Havanese, Zena. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. A Celebration of his Life will follow at 3 p.m. at Newington Memorial. He will be laid to rest privately in Evergreen Cemetery, Stoughton, MA. For memorial donations and to share a memory with his family, please visit us at [www.duksa.net](http://www.duksa.net). Please note that the family kindly requests that face masks are worn by all guests.

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**Johnson, Jr., Thomas W.**

SERVICE UPDATE

Family and friends of Thomas W. Johnson Jr. are respectfully invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial for him at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021, at St. Mary Church in Windsor Locks. Tom, a Windsor Locks native, passed away Nov. 5, 2020, at age 83. The obituary appeared in the Courant on Nov. 12, 2020. After the Mass, attendees are invited to join Tom's family for lunch at Skyline Restaurant in Windsor Locks. There will not be a graveside service at this time.

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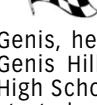
**Fielder, Julie Mattran**

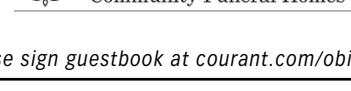
Julie Mattran Fielder, of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, passed away on October 23, 2021 in Maryland. She is survived by her beloved husband, James Fielder; her loving parents, Don Mattran, Sr. (Rose Mattran), and Betty Jacobs (Dale Jacobs); Siblings, Don Mattran, Jr. (Marianne Mattran), Guy Mattran (Eileen Redden), Kim Mattran, and Christy Mattran; Uncle Randy Mattran (Emily Mattran); Sisters In Law, Jordan Fogal and Marie Baisden; many Nieces, Nephews, Great Nieces, Great Nephews, Cousins and Friends. Julie will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers, Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak, Michigan 48073 (248) 549-0500 on Sunday, November 14th from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. A Catholic Funeral Mass will be held at St. Hugo of the Hills Parish Stone Chapel (2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304) on Monday, November 15th at 11:00 am. Memorial Tributes can be made to The Sky Foundation, Inc. (Pancreatic Cancer Research) located in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and/or to Our Lady of the Fields Roman Catholic Church in Millersville, Maryland.

View obituary and sign tribute wall at [AJDesmond.com](http://AJDesmond.com)

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**Genis, Joseph**

 Joseph Genis, 88, of Granby, passed away on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, in New Milford. Born in Hartford on June 27, 1933, son of the late Jacob and Victoria (Mironcik) Genis, he was raised in Granby on his family farm on Genis Hill Road, and he was a graduate of Simsbury High School, Class of 1951. During high school, Joseph started working at the Bidwell Company in Windsor Locks building and repairing farm machinery. He developed passion for mechanical work and over the years he worked at Hamilton Standard, Pratt & Whitney, and Stanadyne before taking a position with Southern New England Telephone (SNET) where he stayed until his retirement after over 25 years of service in the late 1980's. Growing up on a farm, he learned the value of hard work. A lifetime race car enthusiast, he bought his first car after high school, a 55 Chevy which he passionately cared for over the years. He could build, re-build, and take anything apart and put it back together again. His nieces, nephews, and other family members always sought his advice when dealing with car and mechanical problems. For many years, Joseph made an annual trip to Daytona Beach, FL for Race Week, where he loved talking with the pit crews, drivers, and other fans. Joseph also loved the great outdoors and took many family fishing and camping trips over the years. Joseph loved animals and never forgot his roots on the family farm. He loved dogs and caring for the farm animals and helped take care of the gardens, tractors, and other farm machinery. He leaves five nieces and nephews, Allen Forsyth of New Milford, Jocelyn Hauswirth and her husband Albert "Rus" of Chatham, MA, Paula Smithers and her husband Elton of University Place, WA, Donna Laulo, USAF Ret. and her husband Kyle of Peoria, AZ, and John Genis and his wife Nadira of Spanaway, WA; two special great-nieces, Shaylyn and Whitney Hauswirth; and a special caregiver, Volodymeir Levitsky who helped Joseph for over seven years. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by a son, Joseph "Darryl" Genis, Jr.; three sisters, Helen M. Genis, Ruth Genis, and Grace Forsyth; and two brothers, Paul Genis and Donald Genis. His family will receive friends on Saturday, November 13, 1-2 p.m., followed by a service at 2 p.m., at the Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home, 364 Salmon Brook St., Granby. Burial will be private in Granby Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Granby Land Trust, Inc., P.O. Box 23, Granby, CT, 06035. For online condolences please visit, [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).



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**Higgins, Jane H.**

Jane H. Higgins entered into eternal peace on Wednesday November 3rd, 2021. Jane was born in Springfield, MA to the late Emil Hoginski and Mary (Zarzyski) Hoginski and was a life long resident of Enfield, CT.

Jane was a loving wife, mother, aunt, grandmother and great grandmother. She

was a graduate of Enfield High School and worked for many years as a Secretary for Casual Corner and was a retiree of the State of CT Department of Corrections. Jane was a communicant of Holy Family Church. After Jane retired, she truly loved being a homemaker and cooking, especially for her grandchildren and great grandchildren who were her greatest joy in life.

Jane is predeceased by her former husband Rosario T. Vella, her brother Emil Hoginski, a grandson Jeremy Vella and her step daughter, Cathleen Higgins.

She is survived by husband William M. Higgins of Enfield, her two sons Tom Vella and his partner Angela Fragione and Robert Vella, one granddaughter, Lauren Golaszewski & her husband Andrzej and two great grandchildren Hailey Golaszewski and Brady Golaszewski, her brother Donald Hoginski and his wife Marlene, her sister Carol Mennella and her husband David, her step children William Higgins, Jr. and his wife Kathy, Thomas Higgins, and his wife, Julie, and Mary Higgins King. She is also survived by 6 step grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are Monday November 8th from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Browne Memorial Chapels, 43 Shaker Rd, Enfield, CT 06082. The Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday November 9th at Browne Memorial Chapels at 11:00 a.m. followed by Internment at St. Patrick's King Street Cemetery, Enfield, CT. In lieu of flowers, memorials donations may be made in Jane's name to the Enfield Food Shelf 786 Enfield Street, rear of building, Enfield, CT 06082 or Enfield Loaves and Fishes 23 N. Main St Enfield, CT 06082. For online condolences please visit [www.brownefuneralhome.com](http://www.brownefuneralhome.com)

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**Hogg, Ronald James**

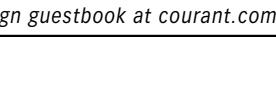
Ronald James Hogg, 83, of South Windsor, CT, passed away on November 1, 2021, with his family by his side. Ronald was born on July 7, 1938, to the late Bruce and Alice (Perkins) Hogg in the Gerritsen Beach section of Brooklyn, NY. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1955-1959 on USS Forrestal.

Ronald will join his loving, beautiful wife Lucy (Cassamassino) Hogg in heaven now where they can both dance and sing their hearts out, as they both loved doing so much. "RJ", as everyone knew him, started his firefighting career in New York City and then moved to CT where he proudly served with the Hartford Fire Department for 27 years. Everyone who knew him loved him and respected him. All you had to say was two letters - "RJ", and right away you knew who that was. He loved working side by side with all his brothers for so many years. RJ was the best storyteller, joke teller, and all-around fun, loving guy to hang around with and have a beer with. After every story or joke he was telling you always knew what the last line would be - "And that's the facts from RJ's Almanac!"

Ronald is survived by his three daughters, Linda Cassells, Susan Hogg and her partner, JR Anselmo, and Christine D'Alessandro and her husband Doug; his grandchildren, Jessica Acker, Samantha Gentile, and her husband Dan, Nicholas Cassells, Melissa Cho and her husband Sung, Alyssa D'Alessandro, and Daniel D'Alessandro; great grandchildren, Jackson Gentile, and Marabella Gentile; his sisters, Barbara Colley, and Joyce Knoke, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins all whom he loved dearly. He was predeceased by his brother, Bruce Hogg.

His family will receive friends during calling hours on Friday, November 12, 2021, from 5-8 p.m., at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021, 10 a.m., at the funeral home; followed by Military Honors. Burial will be private at the request of his family. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to House of Heroes Connecticut, 3342 Whitney Ave., Hamden, CT 06518. For online condolences please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com) for online condolences.

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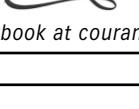
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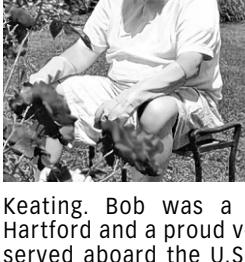
**Houle, G. Roland**

Roland G. Houle of East Hartford, Connecticut passed away on Tuesday, November 2nd at the age of 92. He was born on August 13, 1929 to the late Philemond and Cecile Houle, of Hartford, Connecticut. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served from 1948 - 1952 during the Korean Conflict. He attained the rank of Sergeant First Class in the 63rd Signal

Operations Battalion. He earned his Business Degree from The University of Hartford. He was employed as the manager of Central Drywall, West Hartford. He concluded his working career at R & R Moving and Storage, a family business. Roland was a former member of the American Legion and Elks Club of Bristol. Since 1968 he was an active member of Franam, a benevolent Hartford businessman's association, where he served multiple terms as president. Roland cherished time with his family and friends and loved sharing the traditions of his French-Canadian roots. Roland was predeceased by his first wife, Kathryn Houle, and his son, Richard Houle. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Rita Houle, and his children: son Robert & his wife Mary, son Raymond & his wife Gail, daughter Kathy, son Ronald & his wife Tammy, son Russell & his wife Suzanne, and daughter-in-law Teresa Houle. He also leaves behind 11 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and 5 nieces and nephews. The eldest of 3 children he is survived by his sister, Bella Leblanc and predeceased by his brother, Edward Houle. He will be missed by family and friends. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Tuesday, November 9th, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Fisette-Batzner, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, November 10th, directly at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 183 Church St., Newington. Military honors will follow outside of the church. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Franam, Inc. Scholarship Fund, 95 Linwood Dr., Manchester, CT 06040. To share a memory with his family, please visit us at [www.duksa.net](http://www.duksa.net).



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**Keating, Robert Noel**

Robert Noel Keating, 86, passed away at home in the company of his wife and daughter on November 2, 2021. Known for his determination, loyalty, sense of humor, and big heart, Bob was respected in the community and cherished by family and friends. Bob was born on Christmas 1934 to George and Irene McCarthy

Keating. Bob was a graduate of the University of Hartford and a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy where he served aboard the U.S.S. Glacier to Antarctica-- twice. His time in the Navy sparked a lifelong love for the sea and sailing. Bob worked for the Town of East Hartford Department of Health for 30 years where he also served as Union President. Bob's entrepreneurial spirit led him to become a licensed real estate agent and appraiser, a landlord with best friend Roger Bouchard, among other ventures. He served as Chairman of the East Hartford Federal Credit Union and the East Hartford Housing Authority. Bob was proud of his Irish heritage and enjoyed football, golfing, woodworking, gardening, and was an avid reader of history. He was a dedicated Notre Dame and Red Sox fan. Bob is survived by his wife, Peg Heneghan Keating, of 54 years, his daughter Maura Keating and her husband Jonathan Baumgartner, his much loved grandchildren, Milo and Margaret, as well as his devoted cousin Marty and many dear cousins, nieces, nephews, family, and friends. In later years, he found comfort listening to the Connecticut Radio Information System (CRIS). In lieu of flowers, please send donations to CRIS Radio, 315 Windsor Ave., Windsor, CT 06095. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM at Benjamin J. Callahan Funeral Home 318 Burnside Ave. East Hartford, CT. 06108. Funeral Home Service with prayers will be immediately following at 12:00 PM. Burial will follow at Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery. A celebration of Bob's life will be held in Spring 2022. To sign the online guestbook go to [www.Callahanfuneral.com](http://www.Callahanfuneral.com)

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**Hughes, Carroll j.**

Carroll Joseph Hughes, of Old Saybrook, CT, Block Island and Newport, RI, beloved husband of Jean Cronin for 30 years, passed away peacefully on Nov. 1, 2021 with his family by his side after a valiant and private three-year battle with leukemia. Proudly born in Bridgeport, CT on March 24, 1942, he was the

Aries son and middle child of the late John and Elizabeth Hughes, and grew up on Booth Street in his hometown of Stratford. Continuing his Bridgeport connection, Carroll received his bachelors and Master's degrees from the University of Bridgeport, then began his career in local government working as the assistant to the Mayor of Milford, Alan Jepson, later moving to Hartford where he worked in the office of Mayor Ann Uccello and Manager Eli Freedman. After his municipal service, Carroll moved on in 1972 to become the Assistant Commissioner in the newly-created Department of Environmental Protection under its first Commissioner Dan Lufkin during the Meskill Administration. He remained there until January, 1974 when he left to open his own business, which became the first independent lobbying firm in Connecticut. He was the President for 47 years of what came to be known as Hughes & Cronin Public Affairs Strategies, a lobbying and association management firm. He was joined in 1986 by his business partner and wife, Jean Cronin and in 2017 by his youngest son Sean, as well as a host of loyal staff members throughout the years. Over the past four decades, the business has represented several hundred local and national clients before the legislature, state and municipal agencies, and many of these clients are still with the firm today. Carroll was a pioneer in the lobbying industry and a driving force at the Capitol who was revered by lawmakers, state officials, staff and lobbyists alike. He served as a mentor and role model for many who admired his professionalism and ability to connect with people of all backgrounds. Carroll prided himself in meeting every single legislator during his 47 years at the Capitol and as a result he met thousands of legislators over the years, and had an uncanny ability to remember their names and backgrounds. He also loved meeting the staff and other people who gravitated to the Capitol. He thought this was the most fun part of his job, as he met interesting people he called "characters of life" who brought unique perspectives to his world. Carroll was a skilled testifier who loved speaking at legislative public hearings on behalf of his clients and he was also a brilliant strategist who could craft and execute a winning legislative plan despite insurmountable odds. He had a tireless commitment to his clients and was well known for his early morning and weekend calls. The research, planning and deliberate execution he did for each issue and each client has been instilled in Jean, Sean and all of his staff. Carroll spent many happy summer days with Jean on the beaches of Block Island, having afternoon cocktails at the Spring House and dancing dinners at Aldo's. He was an avid sailor and "clammer." He enjoyed entertaining family and friends at his BI home and was well known for his culinary creations, especially the infamous pasta salads. He reveled in his Irish heritage and was most proud of his induction into the Newport Ancient Order of the Hibernians. He loved sitting at the Hibernian Hall bar, regaling his fellow "Brothers" with his latest stories and jokes, while drinking his beloved Jameson's proclaiming "the brothers need the work." His favorite holiday was St. Patrick's Day and he had many good memories of the Newport parades, as well ascherished memories of his many trips to Ireland. He was also a HUGE fan and friend of the Wolfetones, having arranged and attended several concerts for them in Connecticut and Newport, and even traveled to Ireland to see them. Carroll was a voracious reader and was known for passing good books along to family and friends. He was an incredible history buff who traveled extensively and enjoyed planning epic trips with Jean and Sean, especially to the historic sites of Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge and the Civil War Battlefields. While he drove along his carefully mapped route, he would have Jean read the highlighted facts and tidbits in the multiple travel books he used to research the trip, giving Sean a full blown history lesson in the back seat. Carroll was a diehard Red Sox fan who rarely missed watching a game, regardless of the status of their season. One of his favorite birthday gifts from Jean was a "behind-the-scenes" tour of Fenway Park, complete with a visit to the press box, dugout, players' lounge and trip inside the Green Monster, after proudly posing with the World Series trophies and meeting Jackie Bradley, Jr. This was the ultimate absorption for a long time Red Sox fan. Carroll was a proud and dedicated father and in addition to his wife, he is survived by his loving children, Carroll Jr. (CJ) and wife Misty of Hudson, NY and Christopher and partner Valerie DeLuca of New York City, his son Josh and wife Susanna of West Hartford, his loving daughter Jessica Karnes and husband Michael of Nashville, TN and youngest son Sean, a principal with Hughes & Cronin, and his fiancé Alyssa Pereira of Waterford. He leaves his grandchildren Astrid, Sander, Oliver and Benjamin Hughes and Harrison Karnes, his in-laws James and Virginia Cronin of Avon, CT, his sister Donna Schreiber and husband Charlie of Plano, TX, his sister-in-laws Anne Cronin and husband Mark Bussell of New York City, Pat Cronin of East Lyme and Margaret Hayes and husband Stephen of Avon, CT and his brother-in-laws Richard Myers of St. Petersburg, FL, Michael Cronin of Avon, Stephen Cronin of West Hartford, Rev. Joseph Cronin of Southington and James Cronin and wife Noreen of Fairfield. He also leaves many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was pre-deceased by his brother Jack and his brother-in-law Fishele Liberman. Finally, the family would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Haldas, Heidi and the tremendous nurses and staff at the Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center at Waterford for their wonderful treatment, care and compassion for Carroll over these past few years. We are grateful for your efforts, which helped to strengthen his body to match his amazing will and provide him with more precious time to be with family and friends. Carroll loved Irish sayings and the wisdom they imparted. "May you have the hindsight to know where you've been, the foresight to know where you are going, and the insight to know when you've gone too far." Slan dear Carroll, till we meet again.

Friends may call on Monday, November 8, 2021 from 4-8 p.m. at the Swan Funeral Home, 1224 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook. A Christian Mass to celebrate Carroll's life will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 10 a.m. at St. John's Church, 161 Main Street, Old Saybrook, followed by his burial at Riverside Cemetery in Old Saybrook. Mourners are asked to go directly to the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Carroll's name to one of his favorite charities: The Hundred Club of Connecticut, P.O. Box 419, Glastonbury, CT 06033; The Block Island Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Block Island, RI. 02807; or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Connecticut, 3 Landmark Square, Stamford, CT 06901. To leave online condolences, please visit [www.swanfuneralhomeold-saybrook.com](http://www.swanfuneralhomeold-saybrook.com)

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**Smith, Peter J.**

Peter J Smith, 62, of East Hartford passed away October 23, 2021. For complete obituary visit [www.NewkirkandWhitney.com](http://www.NewkirkandWhitney.com) Newkirk and Whitney Funeral Home 318 Burnside Ave. East Hartford, CT. 06108 are assisting the family.

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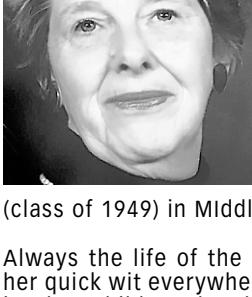
**Jorgensen, John H.**

On a beautiful Fall Tuesday, November 2, 2021, our beloved John H. Jorgensen left on his final adventure after a battle with metastatic melanoma. The son of Herbert J. Jorgensen and Harriet Jones Jorgensen, John was born in Hartford on May 11, 1939. He grew up in East Hartford and went to Silver Lane School, Sunset Ridge and was in the first class at the new East Hartford High School on Burnside Ave. He was a Boy Scout in Troop 1 and loved the hikes, camping and lessons learned from scouting. He worked on tobacco farms and never missed a chance to earn some extra money. He enjoyed coin collecting and saving for the future. In 1963 he met Louita Cersosimo at Friendly's and Burnside School playground where she worked during the summer. He waited for and supported her quest to become a teacher. They married in 1966 and were blessed with two wonderful children. Eric John and Jennifer Ann. He supported his family by working for East Hartford Warehouse as a Teamster and the East Hartford School System as a custodian until his retirement on his 62nd birthday. During retirement he achieved his goals of traveling to all 50 states and seeing other countries, enjoying his condo in North Truro, Cape Cod and moving to Deerfield Beach FL. During COVID he moved back to East Hartford and the safety of CT. John will always be remembered for his love of children, animals, plants, his work ethic and respect for the rights of others. He was strong and quiet and a true gentleman. Also, his quick wit and sense of humor and ability to make you laugh are cherished by those who knew him. He was the wind under the wings of his beloved wife of 55 years, Louita.

John was predeceased by his parents and sister Barbara Frank. He leaves the joys of his life, his son Eric and daughter-in-law Charlotte and grandson Zachary of Stafford Springs, CT, his daughter Jennifer Arpin and son-in-law Ron and granddaughter Elizabeth Arpin of AZ to remember him. Also, lovingly, his sister-in-law, Mary Ingalls and brother-in-law, Daniel Cersosimo and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Saint Francis Foundation-Cancer Care at St. Francis, saintfrancisdonor.com. Donations can also be made to the Melanoma Research Foundation, [https://urldfense.com/v3\\_2http://www.melanoma.com\\_2!M2D\\_dUfSiN4E!b1-A0QxHoAAxSaa-Y5jdQWAGVjK1Zybdqg5CnDaU03Id6kWntwEdz9j4iwyZ-ST0U3oVRY39F5JUUpmAS \[melanoma\].lcom\]](https://urldfense.com/v3_2http://www.melanoma.com_2!M2D_dUfSiN4E!b1-A0QxHoAAxSaa-Y5jdQWAGVjK1Zybdqg5CnDaU03Id6kWntwEdz9j4iwyZ-ST0U3oVRY39F5JUUpmAS [melanoma].lcom])

Newkirk and Whitney Funeral Home 318 Burnside Ave. East Hartford, CT 06108 are in charge of arrangements. To sign the online guestbook go to [www.NewkirkandWhitney.com](http://www.NewkirkandWhitney.com). Plans are private upon request of his family.

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**Milliot, Margaret R (Greaves)**

Margaret "Sis" (Greaves) Milliot, 89, of Higganum, formerly of Middletown, beloved wife of Robert Milliot, died October 29th, 2021 at Apple Rehab Center, Plainville.

She was the youngest child of the late Norman and Rose (Flanagan) Greaves.

She was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School (class of 1949) in Middletown.

Always the life of the party, Sis brought laughter and her quick wit everywhere she went. While she was raising her children, her brother coaxed her to waitress at his restaurant The Brownstone in Portland. Later, Margaret waitressed at the Clam Box in Wethersfield where she put on legendary skits for employee holiday parties. After attending Middlesex Community College, she began her bookkeeping career at the Cromwell Crest Nursing Home and Buckley Nursing Home in Hartford. Retirement didn't suit her, so she went back to work part time as a clerical assistant at SMW Local 40 Connecticut Sheet Metal Workers Union in Rocky Hill, working well into her 80s.

As part of two large families (Greaves and Milliots), vacations were spent camping with relatives. In later years, her family loved spending the twilight hours of summer having dinner poolside with her and Bob, where she could be counted on not only for an amazing meal, but also as a family historian, catching everyone up on the latest news and sharing stories of times passed.

A dedicated grandmother, she faithfully picked her grandchildren up from school every day, and many years later, met her great-grandchildren at the bus stop. Sis was a fan of the UConn women's basketball, avid mystery reader and followed current affairs - her coffee table was always strewn with newspapers and magazines.

Margaret is survived by her children, Nancy Allen of Duxbury, MA, Lynne Benedict of Higganum, CT, Sue Lanzarone and her husband Tony of Newington, CT, and Drew Milliot of Middlefield, CT; grandchildren, Larissa Johnson, Lacey Shamrock and her husband Tanner, Anthony Lanzarone, Thomas Lanzarone, and Madeline Milliot; great grandchildren, Fox and Senara Johnson; and sisters in law, Ruth Greaves, Portland, CT and Florence Milliot, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. "Aunt Sissy" also leaves many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings, Eleanor Bellmore, Hubert Greaves, Dorothy Todaro, Edward Greaves, John "Jake" Greaves and her son-in-law Brett Allen.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, November 10th at 11 a.m. at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St., Middletown. Burial will be next to her husband at State Veterans' Cemetery, Middletown. Friends may call at Biega Funeral Home on Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd S #4b, Southington, CT 06489.

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**Martin, Ellen (Seeley)**

Ellen Martin, 74, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, entered into Eternal Peace on Sunday, October 31, 2021, in the comfort of her own home, surrounded by her loved ones. Ellen was born on June 14, 1947, in Norwich, New York, the loving daughter of the late Roy Seeley and Geraldine (Caruthers) Seeley. She resided in Enfield along with her high school sweetheart and loving husband of 53 years, Dennis Martin. Ellen enjoyed needlepoint, gardening and reading. She also enjoyed traveling with her husband and family, especially cruising. She was devoted to her family and adored time spent with her four legged companions, Molly and Cinder. In addition to her husband, Dennis, Ellen is survived by two sons, Timothy Martin of Enfield, and Patrick Martin and his wife, Sherry, of Denver, CO, her granddaughter, Jordyn, sister, Anne Newman of NY, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members. Ellen was a graduate of Enfield High School class of 1965 and Asnuntuck Community College. Relatives and friends are invited to join the family for calling hours on Thursday, November 11, 2021 from 4:00- 7:00 pm at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Rd., Enfield, CT. A memorial service will be held at the funeral home at 11:00 am on Friday, November 12, 2021. Burial will follow at Hazardville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Ellen may be made to the National MS Society, PO Box #91891, Washington, D.C. 20090. To leave online condolences please visit [www.leetestevens.com](http://www.leetestevens.com)

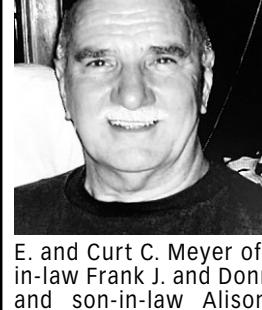
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**Schoffstall, Susie Elaine (Kelly)**

Susie Elaine (Kelly) Schoffstall, 95, of Windsor, beloved wife for 60 years of the late Edward Philip Schoffstall, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 4, 2021, surrounded by her family in Canton. Born in New Bedford, MA on October 25, 1926, daughter of the late William and Margaret (Boyle) Kelly, she was raised in New London, CT and spent most of her life in Windsor. Susie loved her family and was a homemaker in the traditional sense of the word, raising three children in the Town of Windsor. She was an avid reader and loved to write poetry. She loved to sing and dance and enjoyed taking walks with her husband Ed. After Ed's retirement, they moved to Florida where they lived for 10 years before returning to Connecticut in 2003 to be closer to their family. She loved wearing hats and became known as "The Hat Lady". Susie and her husband were longtime members of Trinity United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir and attended Sunday School well into her eighties. Susie loved to travel with her husband, visiting places throughout the country, including, Hawaii, Grand Canyon, and Yosemite National Park. During the summer months, Susie always looked forward to the annual family trip to Westerly, RI with her children, her sister, Margaret and her nieces and nephews. They carefully planned out each trip with Ed driving and Susie doing the navigating. More recently, she attended Wintonbury Church in Bloomfield with her daughter Christine and son-in-law, Ron. Most importantly, she loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Putting her full trust in Christ alone until he took her home to be with Him. She leaves a son, Mark Steven Schoffstall and his wife Kimberly of San Diego, CA; two daughters, Christine Boyer and her husband Ron of Windsor, and Sandra Schoffstall and her husband Lee Ferland of Greenfield, MA; a sister, Althea Jellinek of Enfield; three grandsons, Jeremy S. Boyer of Hampton, Mark A. Boyer and his wife Krista of Ansonia, and Michael J. Boyer and his wife Kathryn of East Granby; three great-grandchildren, Sophie G. Boyer of Ansonia, and Samuel E. and Elyse I. Boyer both of East Granby. Besides her husband she was predeceased by two brothers, William and Milton Kelly; and a sister, Margaret Schoffstall. The family would like to extend a special thanks to her niece, Peg Kelly for her loving attention and support throughout her later years. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 13, 11 a.m., at Wintonbury Church, 54 Maple Ave., Bloomfield. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Farmington Valley VNA, Attn: Hospice, 8 Old Mill Ln., Simsbury, CT 06070 or to Wintonbury Church, 54 Maple Ave., Bloomfield, CT 06002. Carmon Windsor Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit, [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).

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**Mauri, Frank A.**

Frank A. Mauri "PA", 88, of Glastonbury, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, November 4, 2021, peacefully at home, surrounded by his family. He was born on September 21, 1933 in Meriden, CT, son of Joseph R. and Melvina Mauri. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Carole E. (Lombard) Mauri; daughter and son-in-law Caren E. and Curt C. Meyer of Glastonbury, son and daughter-in-law Frank J. and Donna L. Mauri of Windsor, daughter and son-in-law Alison M. and Paul B. Finney of Glastonbury, and daughter and son-in-law Elizabeth M. and Mark R. Ruppert of Windsor. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, Elizabeth, Frankie, Anthony, Audriana, Bobby, Ryan, Alexandra, Dominique, Mackenzie and Emma, 2 great-grandchildren, Maya and Brandon and Jeff and Nick who were regarded with affection and trust. Frank was a steamfitter by trade for over 50 years and former owner of United Plumbing & Heating Co, Inc. The family would like to extend special thanks to Hartford Healthcare Hospice, especially to Lennox Wilkens and Elena Gonzalez. Frank rejoiced listening to and singing hymns with Lennox and Elena's dedicated care for Frank was immeasurable. Tanya, his Hospice Care Advocate, went above and beyond with her compassion and support. Funeral services will be held on Saturday November 13th from 10:00 to 11:00 am at Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Naubuc Avenue, Glastonbury, CT. Burial will follow in Village Cemetery, 1 Marsh Street, Wethersfield, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations in Frank's memory can be made to Glastonbury Community Church, 113 Stancliff Road, Glastonbury, CT 06033. To extend condolences, please visit [Farleysullivan.com](http://Farleysullivan.com).

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**Schutzer, Jerome**

1/11/30 - 11/5/21

Jerome "Jerry" Schutzer passed away peacefully on November 5th, 2021 in Wellington, Florida with his family at his side. He is predeceased by his loving wife Harriet Mohr Schutzer, his son Mitchell Jay Schutzer, his brother Eli Schutzer, and by his parents, Louis Schutzer and Fannie (Luxenberg) Schutzer. He was born prematurely on 1/11/30 in the Bronx, New York and spent the first few weeks of his life in a makeshift bassinet, a dresser drawer in his parent's bedroom. To help with the family finances, he began working at age 10 as a shoe-shine boy. He graduated from Stuyvesant High School and later received a bachelor's degree from the City College of New York. He attended school in the evenings so that he could work during the day at a tailor shop to help support his family. He went on to receive a law degree from Brooklyn Law School, after which he opened his law practice in the Bronx. He married the love of his life, Harriet Mohr, on December 24th, 1950, and was very happily married for nearly 66 years until her passing five years ago to the day. In 1960, he answered the call for civil service and was elected to the New York State Assembly, and then to the Senate in 1966. With his warm and engaging personality and award-winning smile, he was asked to make a movie "A Bill is Born" detailing the legislative process. After leaving office, he joined the New York Telephone Company where he spent the next 27 years leading the Government Affairs division in Albany, New York. He became legendary at the State Capitol for his uncanny ability to "cross both sides of the aisle". Jerry and Harriet retired to their home in Wellington, Florida in 1997 where he enjoyed spending time with family, playing golf, and staying physically fit. He was an outdoorsman and loved fishing with his sons. He is survived by his son Steven Schutzer and his wife Karen of West Hartford, Connecticut, his daughter Hillary Schutzer Lent and her husband Michael Fishkind of Wellington, Florida, his son James Schutzer and his wife Wendy of Rye Brook, New York. He is also survived by his 11 beloved grandchildren Matthew Schutzer and his wife Allison, Michael Schutzer, Jennifer Lent, Kimberly Lent Morales and her husband Carlos, Samantha Lent, Andrew Lent, Austin Lent, Jeremy Schutzer, Zachary Schutzer, Daniel Schutzer and George Schutzer and by his brother Philip Schutzer. A graveside memorial service will be held on Monday November 8th at 12:30 PM, at Cedar Park and Beth El Cemeteries in Paramus, New Jersey. At the conclusion of the service, family and friends will gather at the family's home in Rye Brook, New York. The family wishes to acknowledge with gratitude Henry, Margaret, Janet, Shauna, Wendy and Caren - caregivers who were lovingly with Jerry until the end.

Jerry will be remembered for his devotion to family and country, his infinite kindness and sense of humor, and his heart-warming smile.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Harriet M. Schutzer Fund at Saint Francis Foundation, 95 Woodland St., Hartford, CT 06105. This Fund was established in Harriet's memory to assist financially challenged patients in need of a life restoring joint replacement procedure.

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**Remsberg M.D., John Richard Swann**

John Richard Swann Remsberg M.D., 91, of Farmington, CT; was called home to God and departed this world on November 2, 2021. A beloved husband and father, he was predeceased by his adored wife Audrey and is survived by his daughter Lynn. He also leaves behind his sister Marilyn of IL; sister-in-law Sally of MN; Mary Lou of AZ; as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended family members.

John attended Princeton University and graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School. Following his residency in Staten Island, he practiced internal medicine with the U.S. Public Health Service in Memphis, Boston, Chicago and Baltimore prior to joining a private clinic in Minneapolis. He was employed in the Medical Department at Mass Mutual Insurance Company in Springfield, MA from 1971 until his retirement in 1992.

John was an active member of the Emanuel Lutheran Church, Hartford. He was respected of a man of faith and honor by all who knew him. John will always be remembered as a true gentleman.

John's family extends their heartfelt gratitude to UCONN's John Dempsey Hospital for their compassionate care.

Arrangements have been entrusted with Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Ave., West Hartford. In accordance to John's wishes all services are private. Online condolences please visit: [www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com](http://www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com)

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**Schopper, Eileen**

Eileen Schopper, 61, of Coventry, CT and formerly of Ridgewood, NY, passed away on October 29, 2021 at her home after a long illness. Eileen was the loving mother of Caroline and Kevin Klobotsch, beloved daughter of Maria and the late Arthur J. Schopper, and dear sister of Mary Kay Schopper. Born in Brooklyn, NY in 1959, Eileen attended St. Matthias Elementary School and Grover Cleveland HS. Eileen went on to Catholic Medical Center where she earned her Nursing degree. Eileen's passion was women in labor and their babies, and she established a successful 40-year career as a Labor & Delivery nurse, most recently at Hartford Hospital. Eileen was a free spirit, and in her younger years, loved to travel. In her semi-retirement, her passion was horticulture.

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**Trowbridge, Dr. Phillip E.**

Dr. Phillip E. Trowbridge, 91, of Hartford, CT, passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love and care of his family, on November 2, 2021 at Avery Heights, Hartford CT.

Phil was born on October 17, 1930 to Isabelle (Warner) and John 'Jack' Trowbridge and was a long-time resident of Hartford and West Hartford, CT. He married his childhood sweetheart, Fay (Russell), in 1956, and was the proud and loving father of 5 children and their spouses: Kimberly and Robert Denton of Massachusetts; Heather and Mark Howell of England; Allison and Mark Rowe of South Carolina; John and Meghan Trowbridge of South Carolina; David Trowbridge of New York; and his 8 beloved grandchildren: Sam, Maddie, and Russell Delboy; Isaac, Isabelle and Bethany Rowe; and Jack and Luke Trowbridge; and his great-grandson, Harvey Delboy; as well as many nieces, nephews, and close friends.

Phil learned early-on the importance of education and excelled in his studies. He also lived his life with great intention, integrity, honor, dedication, hard work, teamwork, and care and compassion for others, which are traits he passed on to his children. He graduated from Bulkeley High School in Hartford where he was captain of the tennis team, was an active member of the Boy Scouts and earned his Eagle Scout, and was awarded the prestigious Fox scholarship. Phil graduated from Trinity College in 1952 where he was a member of the Theta Xi fraternity, and also graduated with distinction from Tufts University Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.

Phil felt called to practice medicine when he was proudly serving his country in the Air Force during the Korean War. He was inspired by a close friend in the service. Upon returning home after the service, he attended Tufts University Medical School and graduated in 1959. Following his internship and residency at Hartford Hospital he began private practice at Hartford Hospital where he practiced until his retirement in 1997. Medicine was truly Phil's calling and he brought great dedication, compassion, and commitment to caring for his patients.

During the course of his career, Phil served as a senior surgeon, was President of Hartford Medical Society, taught at UCONN Medical Center and Hartford Hospital, mentored and trained many interns and residents, and authored numerous articles for national medical journals. Phil also served as the Director of the Burn Unit at Hartford Hospital, and was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He was also an early pioneer in the field of bariatric surgery at Hartford Hospital.

As many who knew Phil were aware, he was a loyal supporter and participant in many things in the Hartford area throughout his life. He was a long-standing member of the First Baptist Church of West Hartford where he held many positions of responsibility and made many long-time friends. Phil also served as the Director of the West Hartford Street Ministry 1974-79 and as a Trustee for the Hartford Seminary Foundation 1977-86. He was also an active member of the Old Guard professional and service organization for over 20 years.

Phil also found time to pursue hobbies, sports and travel. He was an avid tennis player and golfer and achieved a Hole-In-One in October, 1995. And he could often be found behind the lens of a camera, taking photos of family vacations or beautiful scenery on trips with family or friends. He also took painting courses at the Art League of Hartford, and enjoyed painting still life scenes. He and Fay also enjoyed special trips around the US and the world.

A recent highlight for Phil and Fay was celebrating Phil's 91st birthday with all their children gathered together for this very special occasion.

Phil was a talented, caring, committed, loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, friend and surgeon who was passionate about his family, friends, community, and his patients. He will always be remembered by his family and friends, and will be greatly missed.

The family is very grateful to the talented, caring staff at Avery Heights and the Noble rehab and nursing centers for their excellent and compassionate care of Phil, and support for Fay and their family, during these past few weeks.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Phil's life will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 1:00pm at First Baptist Church, 90 North Main St, West Hartford, CT. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Phillip Trowbridge to First Baptist Church Memorial Fund; or Trinity College, Hartford CT; or Avery Heights Memorial Fund, 550 Avery Heights, Hartford CT 06106; or a charitable organization of your choice. Online condolences may be made at [www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com](http://www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com)

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**Zeaman, Betty Jean (House)**

Betty House Zeaman, an experimental psychologist who studied learning in people with intellectual disabilities, died October 17 in Yukon Oklahoma. She was 98. In 1957, she and her husband, Professor David Zeaman, established a laboratory at the Mansfield Training School located near the University of Connecticut, where they both taught. Over a period of 27 years, they developed important theories on intelligence and the role of attention in learning, gaining an international reputation. In using computers to simulate the learning process, they helped pave the way for artificial intelligence. In the 1980s, she was editor of the Psychological Bulletin, one of the foremost journals in the field. She retired to her home state of Oklahoma in 1995. She was predeceased by David in 1984. She leaves her stepson, John Zeaman and his wife Janet Chatfield, of Leonia, N.J.; granddaughter Claire Zeaman of Kearny, N.J.; grandson Alex Zeaman, and great-grandson Benjamin David Zeaman, both of Alajuela, Costa Rica.

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**Woolsey, Marcia L. (Dinerstein)**

Marcia Woolsey, 80, of West Hartford died peacefully at home with her family at her side. She was born in Springfield Massachusetts to the late Sarah and Edward Dinerstein but lived in Connecticut for more than the past 50 years. Marcia was active in West Hartford politics and had been the Democratic Party's Chairperson of the Town's First District. She also had been elected as the Democratic Register of Voter for West Hartford.

Marcia was predeceased by her brother (Norman Dinerstein) and her two sisters (Charlotte Kapilof and Marilyn Eisner) and was survived by her loving husband and son (Charles Woolsey and Thomas Woolsey, respectively, both of West Hartford). She was also a proud aunt of a number of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews who she was very close to and loved very much.

A private burial with a future, to be determined, memorial service will take place. Funeral arrangements are being provided by Hebrew Funeral Association Incorporated, West Hartford.

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**Thomsen, Peter A.**

Peter Aage Thomsen, of Newington, was surrounded by family when he died Oct. 16, 2021, following a months-long battle with cancer. He was 80.

Born Aug. 29, 1941, Peter was the eldest son of Aage Ferdinand Thomsen and Louise Baldwin Thomsen. The Hartford native moved to Avon after his father built their family home.

While attending Canton High School, he performed in "Diary of Anne Frank, a Young Girl." Katharine Hepburn - in the audience to support her niece and nephew, Pete's classmates - afterward told him, "Damn good performance, Mr. Thomsen."

Pete graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University and continued his studies at Utah State University, where he met his wife of 53 years, Cheryl Hitt. They lived in Hartford and West Hartford before buying a house, in Newington.

He taught industrial arts in Ellington and Canton before joining Thomsen Overhead Door Co. Pete later worked as a manufacturer's representative. He obtained his CDL to drive big rigs, earning the handle, "The Professor."

He joined the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and U.S. Power Squadrons and was involved in the First Company Governor's Foot Guard with his father. Known among peers for his unique brand of humor and dry wit, puns and word plays, Pete was active in the West Hartford United Methodist Church, serving as its lay leader. He later attended Newington United Methodist Church. He donated blood regularly, coached girls' soccer teams and, like his father, was a Rotarian.

Pete loved boating, locomotion, history, reading, carpentry, home improvements, crossword puzzles, Celtics' Larry Bird, UConn women's basketball, dogs and coffee.

Surviving Peter are his wife, Cheryl; daughter, Kimberly T. Edgar (Randal); sons, Greg Thomsen and Matt Thomsen; granddaughters, Sarah Edgar, Anna Edgar and Allana Thomsen; and his youngest brother, Gary Thomsen (Donna). Peter also leaves behind several uncles and aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews. His parents and brother Mark Thomsen (Terry) predeceased him.

Calling hours are from 1-3 p.m., November 13, followed by a memorial service at Newington United Methodist Church, 401 New Britain Ave., Newington.

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**Weaver, Arlene (Hebebrand)**

Arlene Weaver, 95, of Bolton, formerly a 60-year resident of Windsor and beloved wife of the late Russell Weaver, passed away peacefully at her home on Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

Arlene was born in Hartford on April 11, 1926, daughter of Duncan and Mary (Schrader) Hebebrand. After graduation she was employed as a secretary at Veeder-Root before marrying Russell in 1947 and embarking on the journey with which she was most happy... being a wife and mother of six. After her children graduated, she worked as a school bus driver, then as the Parts Salesperson at TJ Harley Davidson in Ellington, both jobs she thoroughly enjoyed. After Russ died, she moved to Lyman, NH for 30 years before moving to Bolton, CT to live with her daughter five years ago. While in New Hampshire, she was employed at The Brick Store in Bath, which was the oldest working general store in the country, retiring after 25 years from a job she absolutely adored.

Arlene was a loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and dear friend. She will be remembered by friends and family as a generous and giving woman with a positive, cheerful personality, a lover of company and entertaining. Family and friends were her highest priority, and she liked nothing better than a good-sized gathering around her large campfire area next to her brook in Lyman, possibly followed by games of setback into the wee hours. She was generous to a fault and would give you her last dollar if she thought you needed it.

Arlene was very much an outdoors country woman. She loved to be in the woods hunting, fishing, or tending her garden ("playing in the dirt" as she called it). She had a horse - Scout - when she was young and loved to ride him bareback through the woodsy trails in Windsor, possibly the precursor to the snowmobiling she did as often as possible through the NH fields and wilderness. Besides her enjoyment of nature, Arlene loved to cook and entertain and was an enthusiastic hostess. She always made sure everyone had enough to eat and drink and was a true believer in "the more the merrier."

Arlene is survived by her children, Patrick Weaver and his wife Juel of Suffield, Cynthia Lincoln of Bolton, Cathy Disalvo and her husband Nick of Old Saybrook, and Rusty Weaver and his wife Lea of Deming, NM; her grandchildren, Jennifer Bolduc and her husband Daniel, Wendy Weaver and her husband Ty Mandirola, Russell Weaver and partner Jennifer Pogg, Alison Lincoln and her partner Greg Noble, Shannon Babyak, Erika Laing and her husband Jay, Laura Schleef and her husband Jon, Joey Disalvo, and Nick Disalvo; her great-grandchildren, Michaela and Mackenzie Weaver, Aiden, Ella, and Anna Bolduc, Olivia Lincoln, Noah and Andrew Babyak, Jayden, Ryan and Alexa Laing and Brady Schleef. In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her sons Michael and Philip Weaver; her infant daughters Laura and Wendy Weaver; and her grandson, Philip Lincoln.

Her family will receive friends on Saturday, November 13, 2021, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., with a Prayer Service at 12 p.m., at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor.

Burial will be private in St. Joseph Cemetery, Poquonock. To leave a condolence for her family, please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).

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**Verravas, Külli (Kohler)**

Külli (Kohler) Verravas, 78, of Glastonbury, CT passed away peacefully on November 4, 2021. Born in Viljandi, Estonia, on December 8, 1942, she was the daughter of the late Feliks-Peeter Kohler, Aino Ibrus Lind and step-father, Hindrek Lind. She was predeceased by her husband, Jack, who recently passed in April, after 55 years of marriage.

Külli and her mother had to flee the Russian occupation of their homeland of Estonia to find refuge in Geislingen, Germany. After living in Germany for many years, they were allowed passage to the United States through the Displaced Persons Commission to begin a new life in America. Külli and her family were transported to the United States via a U.S. Army Troop ship which coincidentally, her future husband Jack was also on board.

After her two week journey to America, her family settled in CT. Külli officially met Jack at the age of sixteen, and they were inseparable from that day forward. After marrying, they made their home in Glastonbury for 53 years. Külli graduated from Weaver High School in 1961, University of Connecticut in 1965 and went on to earn her nursing degree at the UCONN School of Nursing. Külli worked in many healthcare settings as a registered nurse - including Hartford Hospital, skilled nursing facilities, local schools plus Glastonbury tobacco farms to finally land at Oak Hill School where she retired in 1998. Oak Hill School on Holcomb Street in Hartford was a pivotal part of her life as she grew up and lived in that community and campus where her parents also had life-time careers serving others. Külli was an avid reader, cook, knitter and list-maker. She was a talented artist who loved to sketch and watercolor. She loved dogs - especially shih tzus - and had many cherished pets during her lifetime. Külli loved the beach, the family house on Amston Lake, and going on trips with family and friends. She loved to socialize and took pride in managing numerous Weaver High School reunions throughout the years. Külli leaves behind her daughters, Kaida Scaglia, her husband George, and grandchildren Griffin and Kaari of South Glastonbury, CT; and Katrien Ryan, her husband Colin, and grandchildren Madison and Daniel of Glastonbury, CT. Külli is also survived by her sister, Merike Tamm (Anton), and brother, Urmas Kohler, in Estonia and their families. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Kristi Rakfeldt and her husband Jaak of Bethany, CT and their families. She also leaves many other family members and friends in the United States and Estonia. We want to thank the countless healthcare providers who cared for Külli over the span of many years - most especially to Brookdale Senior Living - who made her last six months the most fulfilling in years. Külli made a lasting impression on her caregivers with an unwavering determination and medical prowess to beat the many health obstacles she faced. Family and friends may pay their respects on Tuesday, November 9th from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury, CT. Burial services will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in Külli's name to K9s for Warriors, an organization that places service dogs with veterans, at <https://k9sforwarriors.org/financial-donation/>. For online condolences, please visit [www.mulryanfh.com](http://www.mulryanfh.com)

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**Winiarski, Paul**

On November 12, 2020, our family lost a beloved husband, father, brother, uncle and friend. This past year has been a difficult one. We are forever grateful to all of our family and friends for the incredible love, prayers and support you showed us during this time.

Please join us for a Memorial Mass in Paul's honor on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect Street, Wethersfield.

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You may be gone from our sight, but you will never be gone from our hearts. We may not be able to see your face, but we will always see your sweet smile. We may never hear your voice again but you will forever echo in our souls.

Love Mom, Dad, Patrick and John

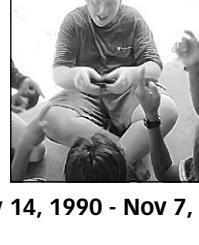
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Johnny, we always remember what you taught us: how to live with an open heart; to see every person with compassion and dignity; to offer comfort to those who need it; to renew our outrage at injustice; to laugh, to love; and, not least, how to give the very best hugs.

Thank you, sweet John, for always showing us your brave and kind heart, for teaching us the importance of laughter. You touched so many in your too-short life. We feel your presence every day - in the stars, in every hug we give, in photographs that move us and poems that touch our hearts.

You are deeply, deeply loved, and we will forever be your grateful students.

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MARY F. MITCHELL

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OUR MARY

Her word, smile, and laugh was True!

Family love was her foundation.

Style, Grace and Class!

She can have coffee with Michelle Obama in the A.M. and can have tea with Queen Elizabeth in the P.M.

She was special! And smarter than me!

And I said, Thank You, Jesus!

All Our Love Always.

Mitch, Marcie, Kim, Lisa, Leigh, Lincoln, Ebony, Steph, Don, Bubby, Lou, and Honey

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HERBERT RUBENSTEIN

10/25/1926-11/06/2019

...at the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn we remember them...as long as we live, they too shall live for they are now a part of us as we remember them.

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# INSIGHT

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Former congresswoman and gun violence survivor Gabby Giffords, D-Ariz., speaks during a rally outside the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington on Wednesday. The Supreme Court began hearing arguments in a gun rights case that centers on New York's restrictive gun permit law and whether limits the state has placed on carrying a gun in public violate the Second Amendment. JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP

# FREE SPEECH AND GUNS DON'T MIX

Case before Supreme Court has implications for how safe we feel to speak out

By David Cole and Donna Lieberman

Last week, as a Wisconsin court began a trial involving a protest of police abuse that turned deadly when Kyle Rittenhouse opened fire on protesters, the Supreme Court considered whether the Second Amendment bars states from limiting the carrying of guns in public. The right asserted in *New York State Rifle and Gun Association v. Bruen* is the right to bear arms, but the case's resolution will have major repercussions for First Amendment rights as well.

A healthy democracy depends on robust public debate. That's why the First Amendment guarantees people the right to assemble, associate and speak out, even when their messages may be upsetting or controversial. Self-government, as Justice Antonin Scalia wrote, sometimes requires people to endure "harsh criticism" and requires "civic courage, without which democracy is doomed." But if the Second Amendment guaranteed everyone the right to carry guns in public, people would have to worry that the response to their speech might be not more speech but deadly force.

Many people would reasonably decide that the only safe thing to do in such situations is to keep quiet. So recognizing unrestrained Second Amendment rights would compromise First Amendment freedoms. That's why we think states should have the discretion to limit the carrying of guns to promote the safety of the public square and facilitate the freedoms of assembly and speech exercised there. New York did precisely that, limiting the right to carry guns for self-defense to those who can show a specific need.

This is not an abstract issue. An analysis of more than 30,000 public demonstrations in the U.S. between January 2020 and June 2021 found that protests in which people are armed are more than six times as likely to erupt in violence or property destruction as unarmed demonstrations. Studies conducted by the Harvard Injury Control

Research Center also show that the presence of guns can escalate arguments into incidents of intimidation and violence and that more guns in a community make people feel less safe.

That's one reason why authorities have long restricted the public carrying of guns; indeed, the practice dates back centuries under English law. Such laws were commonplace in this country at the time of the Second Amendment's adoption, and there's no evidence that those who wrote and ratified the Second Amendment meant to upend the practice.

Laws like New York's have been adopted at various times in states as diverse as California, Wisconsin, Maine, Michigan, Virginia, Minnesota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, West Virginia, Arizona and Idaho. Even in the days of the Wild West, Dodge City, Kansas, and Tombstone, Arizona, imposed strict prohibitions on the carrying of weapons in town.

Texas' history is emblematic. In the aftermath of the Civil War, gun violence, often directed against Black people and Republicans, prompted the state Legislature in 1871 to impose a total ban on concealed carry and to permit open carry of pistols only by those with "reasonable grounds" for fearing an "immediate and pressing" attack on their person. The ban remained in place for more than a century. Texas courts repeatedly upheld its constitutionality. Texas began to grant concealed

handgun licenses only in 1996.

The Second Amendment, in short, like most rights, is not absolute.

Those challenging New York's law in the Supreme Court, however, argue that the Second Amendment presumes states to issue concealed carry licenses to virtually anyone who wants one. But accepting that argument disregards our country's long-standing tradition of regulating guns in public and does so at a time when the political atmosphere is especially combustible.

The events in Wisconsin that led to the trial of Kyle Rittenhouse on homicide charges in the shooting deaths of two protesters and the wounding of a third at a Black Lives Matter protest are not an isolated incident. Over the past few years, many political protests escalated into intimidation or violence because people were carrying guns. In Michigan, the legislative session was shut down after heavily armed anti-lockdown protesters entered the state Capitol building, prompting some lawmakers to don bulletproof vests. In Oregon, gun-toting anti-lockdown protesters fought their way into the Capitol and attacked officers with bear spray.

Some states allow widespread carrying of guns in public. That is their choice. But others, like New York, have chosen to protect the safety of the public square by limiting the presence of guns there. And that should be their choice as well. New York should not be foreclosed from seeking to foster public peace and a robust civic life by limiting concealed carry to those who demonstrate a specific need. States should be free to adopt reasonable regulations of Second Amendment rights in the name of promoting free speech.

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# State officials' murky conduct fed controversy

 Kevin Rennie

Diamantis was allowed to grab unprecedented power before suspension

closest aides.

The departure of the powerful inside operator came several weeks after this column revealed that Anastasia Diamantis, one of Kostantinos Diamantis' daughters, was hired by Chief State's Attorney Richard Colangelo for a \$99,000 a year job that required few credentials. She had been making \$60,000 a year in a clerk position in another state agency.

I submitted questions to Colangelo's office about the hire in September. Communications

director and former longtime Courant reporter Alaine Griffin replied that Colangelo had the right to fill the newly created job and Anastasia Diamantis met the needs of the criminal justice division. Griffin provided no specifics. Emails revealed Colangelo interviewed no one else for the plum position he appeared to have created for the daughter of the influential deputy budget director.

Diamantis' abrupt retirement

from his job at the Office of Policy

and Management and as head of the state's school construction grant program should not stop administration officials and others from seeking details of his conduct and Colangelo's. The law gives the Office of the Chief State's Attorney some independence from the governor for a reason. It must be free from politics — the partisan kind and the damaging type played inside government. The safeguards have failed.

We never had to worry about

political influence for the 13 years Colangelo's immediate predecessor, Kevin Kane, headed the Division of Criminal Justice. After only 21 months on the job, Colangelo has injured the reputation of his office and infuriated frontline prosecutors. The Criminal Justice Commission, which oversees Colangelo's office (and appointed him to his job) ought to conduct a public inquiry on how Anastasia Diamantis

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Gov. Ned Lamont's office will say little about why it suspended deputy budget director Konstantinos Diamantis on Oct. 28 while investigating him over "a personnel matter." Rather than contest whatever might be coming, Diamantis retired and issued an angry assessment of Lamont's

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The Marjorie Taylor Greene crowd is angry and obscene. When did that become OK?

I am writing in response to the Sunday article regarding an anti-Biden demonstration [Page 1, Oct. 24, "Anti-Biden furor dominates Rally"].

Joyce of Woodstock "proudly donned" a T-shirt with vulgar references lettered on it, and said "I hate what he [President Joe Biden] is doing to this country." What exactly is he doing? Mandating vaccines? We have been doing that for decades — if you have sent kids to public schools you have participated in this. I haven't heard a reasonable explanation of why this vaccine mandate is different.

Mandate a vaccine for employment? That has also been in place for years — ask any hospital worker. Mask mandates? Masks are cheap, much cheaper than treatments for those sick with COVID-19.

Worried about the deficit? It was larger in 2020. Hate asking CEOs and corporations to pay their fair share in taxes to help run this country? I'm stumped. I can't think of a reason why someone shouldn't pay their fair share.

When did it become OK to display written obscenities and shout vulgarities at opposing points of view in public forums? When did America get so vulgar and so full of anger and hate?

Yes, I too am worried about the direction in which this country is headed.

Annemarie Tanski, Plainville

### Rennie column serves as wake-up call

Kevin Rennie's column illustrates what happens when a governing body makes decisions rashly [Insight, Page 1, Oct. 24, "Bungled communication sowed absentee ballot confusion"].

How did it start? The country came under stress because of a virus and confusion about it and its effects. The result was that Connecticut declared a state of emergency and gave total power to a single individual. Mandates became the norm.

"To protect the people," businesses were shut down or curtailed, masks became the fashion of the day and people were without jobs. For the 2020 election, everybody was allowed to use an absentee ballot. A year later we still are ruled by mandates from the top, enforced by nonelected bureaucrats.

Today's mandates are "vaccinate or be fired" and more stay-at-home voting "to protect the people." The last two paragraphs of Kevin's article should be a wake-up call to every citizen of this state and country.

John Bednarz, South Windsor

### Why pay for pain caused by gambling?

Sunday's article "State braces for rise in problem gambling" [Page 1, Oct. 24] confirmed my view. In the incessant search for revenue to allow spending by this hopelessly blue state (yes, I'll be leaving soon), the legislature has approved sports and online gambling.

This will lead to myriad problems such as bankruptcies and other destructive results to people and their families, and will cost taxpayers enormous amounts to fund treatment programs and absorb the financial losses incurred. Telling were public service announcements offering ways to "cut oneself off" either partially or altogether. This shows that many recognize the likely fallout from legalization.

I propose to divide the total annual costs by the per capita taxpayers (not citizens) and subtract "my" portion of the cost from state income taxes as a line item each year. In the face of the lack of logic and responsibility to spend within one's means by both sides of the legislature and the executive, I do not know what else to do in the once-great state of Connecticut.

Jeffrey Grandahl, Simsbury

### Fortunately, we're working on remedies for climate change

"Normally, if you miss your last chance to do something, you stop trying," Jonah Goldberg wrote about climate change [Opinion, Page 1, Oct. 28, "Plan to fight climate change"].

Goldberg says that activists and politicians have been saying for decades that we have a "last chance to act to save the planet." That is true. We missed those chances and now some possibly irreversible consequences of climate change are happening.

They could have a profound effect on human life on our planet. Not just extreme weather but rising sea levels, tropical diseases or thousands of refugees from no-longer-livable areas are more likely as the greenhouse gas effect increases.

Fortunately, some who know about the complexities of global warming are working on remedies, including holding off on shutting down nuclear energy plants that are scheduled to close but not building new ones.

Patricia B. Long, Cromwell



Annie and Ned Lamont parade past the capitol after Ned Lamont was sworn-in as Connecticut's governor. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

## OP-ED

# Transparency has not been a priority for Lamont, Dems

By Bob Stefanowski

COVID-19 has upended our lives in ways we never could have anticipated, and the cost to our friends and families has been far greater than any dollar figure could represent. Many will use the crisis to reflect on what's truly important in life, reevaluate priorities and adjust their behaviors accordingly.

Unfortunately, some Connecticut politicians used the opportunity created by the crisis to feather their own nests rather than serving the people they represent. Recently, Democrat State Rep. Michael DiMassa was arrested for allegedly stealing more than \$600,000 of \$1.2 million in federal funds distributed by the State of Connecticut. The monies were intended to help residents and small businesses in West Haven get back on their feet in the wake of the pandemic.

It doesn't get much lower than this. Allegedly taking money intended to help a community harmed by a terrible virus and gambling it away at a local casino. If proved to be true, Rep. DiMassa needs to take ultimate responsibility and should be prosecuted to the full extent of the federal law.

But the behavior of people in any organization is set by the tone coming from the top. Leaders set the example. Their own actions reveal the values that are important to the organization and those that are not. Leaders decide the level of transparency given to key stakeholders, whether they are customers, employees or taxpayers.

Unfortunately, Democrat leaders have driven Connecticut toward less disclosure, more secrecy with little accountability for their actions. It's almost as if state officials believe the money they so easily spend is theirs, forgetting that it comes from the taxes paid by hard-working people across the state.

As just one example, Gov. Ned Lamont's administration awarded a state contract to a company (Sema4) where his wife's venture capital firm was invested. The contract was awarded despite warnings from The Office of State Ethics that contracts between Annie Lamont's firm or any associated companies and the state of Connecticut could present a conflict of interest.

Governor Lamont, Mrs. Lamont, their immediate family and associated businesses are barred from entering into any State contracts "unless the contract has been awarded through an open and public process, including prior public offer and subsequent public disclosure of all proposals considered and the contract awarded,"

an advisory opinion from the Office of Ethics notes.

It's clear, at least to me, that the award of the Sema4 contract ignored this clause of the state ethics opinion that was meant to ensure the transparency and accountability of any transactions between the State of Connecticut and Annie Lamont's business interests.

When the contract came to light, the Lamonts decided to address the situation by suddenly agreeing to give any profits they personally made on the contract to charity.

Over a year later, Connecticut residents are still waiting for an explanation of why the awarding of the Sema4 contract was done, why the payment wasn't disclosed by the governor to the public from the start, how much money the Lamonts personally made on the deal and whether they ever delivered on their promise to donate these profits to charity.

This type of behavior sends a clear message to state and local officials across the Connecticut. If our leader's administration can grant a contract to his own wife's company, not tell anyone about it, and then break his promise to provide an accounting of the profit — and get away with it — why should anyone in government care about how they spend our money?

Sadly, the lack of transparency is not limited to Sema4, as several other politically connected companies benefited from no-bid state contracts during the COVID-19 crisis. A communications firm run by a well-known Democrat operative received a whopping \$250,000 for a three-month contract that was then extended despite legitimate concern from lawmakers and an outraged public.

Taxpayers doled out a \$2.9 million contract to a Democratic campaign firm for COVID-19 vaccine outreach to 10 Connecticut cities, but were never provided with an accounting of how the money was spent. How effective was the program? Why did we need a 71-person "vaccine campaign team" to deliver it? How many more people were vaccinated because of it? Did vaccine hesitancy go down?

At the same time, Gov. Lamont has limited the ability of independent agencies to root out waste and these types of inappropriate insider deals — stripping funding from the state's contracting review board, eliminating staff and gutting its ability to do the job.

To add insult to injury, the Lamont Administration has continued to stonewall multiple Freedom of Information requests by the news media and others. It took

Kevin Rennie, a lawyer and former Republican state senator and representative, over two years to obtain texts under an FOI request that ultimately showed a troubling tale of influence involving a major corporation and the governor's inner circle.

Gov. Lamont has insisted on maintaining emergency powers to oversee the pandemic for two years now — two-thirds of his term in office to date. The types of frauds and irregularities regularly occurring now in Connecticut are exactly what happens when the normal checks and balances of government are overridden.

So how do we fix the toxic culture that has been created in Connecticut's state government?

Changing the culture of any organization starts at the top. It begins by asking tough questions and holding people accountable. We should immediately begin a forensic audit of how the COVID-19 relief funds were distributed and spent — in essence a fiscal root canal. With billions of dollars spent, we need to ensure there are no other similar cases of fraud — and it's more likely than not that there are other cases. We need to find them and make an example of the people responsible.

Gov. Lamont should provide a complete accounting of the money his family made from the taxpayers of Connecticut on Sema4. The governor should restore funding to the State Contracting Review board, compel officials to comply with outstanding FOI requests immediately and increase levels of transparency around government purchases — particularly in no-bid contracts to friends and family.

We need to determine why it took a whistleblower to uncover the fraud in West Haven. Why didn't the normal checks and balances uncover it, particularly given that West Haven is one of the cities under the additional scrutiny of the state's Municipal Accountability Review Board?

Each morning, Gov. Lamont settles into his oversized chair in front of a painting from his private art collection called "Right to Know" by Norman Rockwell. The painting, created in 1968 at the height of the Vietnam War, in Mr. Lamont's words encouraged LBJ to "Just tell them what you're doing, why you're doing it and explain it to me."

It's time for the governor to start practicing what his million-dollar painting preaches. The people of Connecticut have a right to know.

Bob Stefanowski, a Republican, was one of Gov. Ned Lamont's opponents in the 2018 race for Connecticut governor.

## Rennie

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was appointed to a position for which she possessed few qualifications listed in the job description.

Kostantinos Diamantis hurled some abuse at Lamont's office when he spoke to the CT Mirror's Mark Pazniokas hours after retiring from his state jobs. Diamantis took aim at Lamont's top advisers, Paul Mounds, chief of staff, Nora Dannehy, legal counsel, and Josh Geballe, chief operating officer. "They don't have a clue about government," Diamantis claimed. The former Democratic state representative from Bristol told Pazniokas questions about his daughter's job were a pretext for his suspension.

Diamantis was given unusually broad authority by budget director Melissa McCaw and Lamont. They allowed Diamantis to bring his previous job as the head of school construction grants at the

Department of Administrative Services (DAS) with him when he assumed new duties at OPM — which came with a \$40,000 a year salary boost. That was a terrible decision.

The law authorized DAS to administer the school construction grants program, traditionally free of politics. Sending it to OPM, where there is a lot of politics, raised concerns by legislators of both parties. Adding to the complications, Geballe is also the DAS commissioner. Diamantis may be right about one thing: Geballe may not have had a clue on what was going on with school construction grants for the two years they had been hijacked by McCaw and Diamantis.

Lamont's office acknowledged (which is different than admitting it) its mistake by immediately returning the administration of school construction grants to the place the law requires them to be — Geballe's department. This subchapter of the story cannot end here.

Dannehy is a formal federal prosecu-

tor with a long reputation for rectitude. She may be able to sort out this saga in the shadows. McCaw still runs OPM and Geballe retains his two jobs. Dannehy can require answers from them on how Diamantis was able to grab and hold so much power. Both McCaw and Geballe should have been supervising Diamantis as he exercised unprecedented authority within state government.

The Nora Dannehy who came to wide public attention prosecuting John Rowland out of office in 2004 would be dismayed at the joining of politics and criminal justice in Colangelo's office. If the instincts that propelled her to perform a crucial public service to Connecticut nearly 20 years ago endure, she will alert Lamont to the danger his inattention has wrought.

Lamont has urged anyone with information on government corruption to contact the FBI. Do not share tips with state officials until they start explaining their own murky conduct.

# COMMENTARY

## Panicky holiday shopping is dumb, self-defeating

By Alexis Leondis

Bloomberg Opinion

Hey, calm down! Ignore all those frantic experts who are urging consumers to tackle holiday shopping earlier than usual due to supply-chain issues and shipping delays.

The idea that all, or even most, shopping has to be completed as soon as possible this year is overkill. The only real beneficiaries are retailers and their bottom lines.

Sure, there may be low stock for certain items. But all that means is that it's smart to be opportunistic about grabbing specific, cherished goodies that might fly off the shelves. Think of a particular Lego set that your child has her heart set on. Most holiday gifts don't actually fall into that category. Rushing to complete all holiday shopping out of fear of things becoming

unavailable is likely to backfire.

Research shows that in an environment where perceived scarcity looms large, consumers are less thoughtful about their purchases. They buy more than they need and spend more than they ordinarily would.

In addition, if shoppers buy too early in the season, the pain of payment often recedes so that as the holidays near, they wind up adding more to the pile of gifts than they had intended. It's much like diners who pay for high-end meals in advance, and then tend to spend on extras such as wine or specialty items when they get to the restaurant, according to Charles Lindsey, a marketing professor at the University at Buffalo.

Shoppers can also miss out on some of the best deals if they buy most of their holiday items too early. It's true that some

retailers have bumped up their promotions. Amazon.com provided discounts in early October, for example. Target launched offers on Halloween, and Walmart's first round of deals is kicking off now. But Black Friday and Cyber Monday are still when the biggest savings are likely.

Procrastinators, rejoice! Christmas falls on a Saturday this year, so even bigger deals may come the week leading up to it, according to Marshal Cohen, chief industry adviser of the NPD Group, which provides market data for retailers.

Some retailers may offer price matches to make consumers more comfortable about buying early. So, if an item is listed for a lower price at a competitor later on, they'll be made whole. Beware, though. Retailers often have exclusions such as blackout periods on Black Friday, when price matching won't be available.

Also, if rebates are any guide, consumers who think they'll avail themselves of the price-matching guarantee usually don't, meaning that buying early is likely to cost them money.

For high-end shoppers, where the luxury market already plays on a sense of limited inventory and exclusivity, anxiety about nabbing holiday gifts could lead to even more needless spending. Still, sales are expected to be limited and any discounting may just be for out-of-season merchandise.

Shoppers who just can't tune out the holiday warnings should consider a gift card. That way, they'll be able to spend what they want, when they want, hassle-free.

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## Trumpism lives on without Trump

By Timothy L. O'Brien

Bloomberg Opinion

Surprise! Trumpism doesn't need Donald Trump as its ambassador in order to thrive. Voters in Virginia and New Jersey have just made that abundantly clear.

Republican gubernatorial candidates in both states kept the former president at a distance, while making use of his political playbook to score a victory in blue-ish Virginia and engineer a nail-biter in deep blue New Jersey. By giving Trumpism a gentler guise, they've taught Republicans everywhere powerful, divisive strategies to road-test in next year's midterm elections — and to perfect in time for the 2024 presidential race.

I'm defining Trumpism in the same terms the former president himself first outlined when he rode down that Trump Tower escalator in 2015: anti-institutional, anti-elite backlash wedded to cold-blooded, us-versus-them identity politics, often shrouded in bigotry and racism.

It's always been easy to write off Trump as an aberration, when in fact he is a reflection of his country and his party. His presidency demonstrated Trumpism's traction — even as it exposed certain grotesque truths about America. Trump handily shredded a number of myths some Americans have told themselves about who we are and what we value. Trump was also incompetent and reveled in overtly loony antics, so he wasn't able to either push his agenda as far as he wanted or secure a second term.

But Jack Ciattarelli, the Republican gubernatorial candidate in New Jersey, and Glenn Youngkin, the Republican candidate in Virginia, have learned from his example. They stoked concerns about government overreach and COVID mandates, while largely avoiding Trumpian histrionics.

To be sure, bipartisan anger over public education policies in both New Jersey and Virginia during the COVID-19 pandemic drew voters to Ciattarelli and Youngkin. Parents especially were angry that school lockdowns had left children and families adrift, and both Republicans tapped into that anger.

They also appealed to culture wars and to racism. "Schools" and "education" became proxies for "government overreach" and "racism/racial identity." Messages focused on those specters solidified the GOP's rural and exurban base and swayed suburban independents.

Ciattarelli, an entrepreneur and former state assemblyman who years ago labeled Trump a "charlatan," had become a Trump supporter. Last December, he spoke at a "Stop the Steal" rally, a public show of support for Trump's babble about the 2020 presidential election being stolen. Once Ciattarelli began campaigning for governor, however, he kept Trump at bay.

At the same time, he hammered his opponent, Governor Phil Murphy, for what



People attend a campaign event for Glenn Youngkin on Monday in Chesterfield, Virginia. CARLOS BERNATE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

he described as unnecessarily strict mask and vaccine mandates and for locking students out of their schools for too long. Ciattarelli also targeted Murphy for signing a law that incorporated diversity and inclusion studies into New Jersey's K-12 public school curriculum.

As a parent who has a child in New Jersey's public school system, and have had two others graduate from it, I see this as "education" and am grateful that my children have access to it. But Ciattarelli claimed New Jersey has been instructing young students in critical race theory (it doesn't) and warned that schools might be "teaching our children that white people perpetuate systemic racism."

I'm a white guy with white kids in a predominantly white town, and I accept the fact that white folks play a pivotal role in perpetuating racism. But, as Ciattarelli's campaign showed, lots of my fellow New Jerseyans do not. Ciattarelli's voters hate seeing mandates and masks trample their liberties — and they are uncomfortable exposing their little ones to robust and provocative discussions of racism.

In Virginia, Youngkin put many Trump themes in play, but not Trump himself. "Candidates matter," Youngkin's chief strategist, Jeff Roe, said of his boss's path

to victory. "We weren't defined by Obama, we weren't defined by Trump, we were defined by Glenn." Youngkin "triangulated the Trump dilemma with skill," noted The Wall Street Journal's editorial page, by being "so un-Trump-like" while campaigning on "some of the same cultural issues."

Youngkin, a former financier and an evangelical Christian, railed against Virginia schools that didn't take parents' concerns seriously. He also complained about critical race theory being part of Virginia's public school curriculum (it isn't), and promised to ban it if elected. "What we won't do is teach our children to view everything through the lens of race," he said.

One of Youngkin's campaign ads featured a white suburban mother distraught that the late Toni Morrison's novel "Beloved," which explores the ravages of slavery, was taught in Fairfax County's public schools. Morrison, who won both a Nobel Prize and a Pulitzer Prize for her work, was black. She also was apparently more threatening to kids than provocative white counterparts such as Cormac McCarthy and Nevil Shute, whose harrowing books are on Fairfax County's recommended list but didn't make it into Youngkin's ads.

Virginia voters said the economy, critical race theory and education were decisive factors in their choice for governor (though some of them had no idea what critical race theory is). Polls are unreliable, and there's more to learn about what Virginia's voters were thinking, but how could they not have had race on their minds? Youngkin immersed them in the subject.

Other Republicans are modeling Trumpism without Trump, too, and some undoubtedly are thinking about presidential runs in 2024. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley come to mind.

Seemingly seismic political events, open to multiple interpretations, sometimes fade quickly. Hollywood savant William Goldman's observation that "nobody knows anything" applies to explanations of the Virginia and New Jersey elections too.

But Trump has shown that we don't live in an entirely rational, fact-friendly country, that racism remains a central facet of the American experience, and that Republicans will continue doing Trump's dirty work if it gets them elected. They'll just do it more politely.

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## The elite Democrats need to confront their privilege



David Brooks

One of the Democratic Party's core problems is that it still regards itself mainly as the party of the underdog. But as the information-age economy has matured, the Democratic Party has also become the party of the elite, especially on the cultural front.

Democrats dominate society's culture generators: the elite universities, the elite media, the entertainment industry, the big tech companies, the thriving elite places like Manhattan, San Francisco and Los Angeles. In 2020, Joe Biden won roughly one-sixth of the nation's counties, but together those counties generate roughly 71% of the nation's GDP.

As the Democrats have become more culturally and economically dominant, many people at tippy-top private schools and super-expensive colleges have flamboyantly associated themselves with the oppressed. Thankfully, that has moved

society to more aggressively pursue social and racial justice. Unfortunately, a tacit ideology — sometimes called wokeness — has been grafted on to this pursuit.

It includes the notions that society is essentially a zone of conflict between oppressor and oppressed groups, that a person's identity is predominantly about group identity and that slavery is the defining fact of American history.

Because they dominate the cultural commanding heights, including some departments of education and the largest teachers unions, progressive views permeate schools, museums, movies and increasingly the public stances of large corporations.

The Republican Party, like many right-populist parties across the Western world, has become a giant vessel of resistance against cultural, urban and information-age elites. Glenn Youngkin, the Republican who was just elected governor of Virginia, expressed that resistance when he said, "I believe parents should be in charge of their kids' education."

When Democrats seem to be magnifying the education establishment's control of the classroom and minimizing the role of parents, there's going to be a reaction.

Some of the reaction is pure racism, but a lot of it is pushback against elite domination and the tacit ideology.

The results of Tuesday's elections show again that resistance against the elites can be a powerful force propelling Republicans to victory. In the final weeks leading up to Youngkin's victory, education became one of the top issues for Virginia voters.

The results also put the Donald Trump phenomenon in a new perspective. Trump was necessary to smash the old GOP and to turn the party into a vanguard of anti-elite resistance. But by 2020, with his moral degradation and all the rest, he was also holding back Republicans. If Republicans can find candidates who oppose the blue oligarchy but without too much Trumpian baggage, they can win over some former Biden voters in places like Virginia and New Jersey.

Democrats would be wise to accept the fact that they have immense social and cultural power, and accept the responsibilities that entails by adopting what I'd call a Whole Nation Progressivism.

From FDR and LBJ on down, Democrats have been good at healing economic divides. The watered-down spending bill struggling its way through Congress

would be an important step to redistribute resources to people and places that have been left behind.

But Democrats are not good at thinking about culture, even though cultural issues drive our politics. You can't win a culture war by raising the minimum wage. In fact, if politics are going to be all culture war — as Republicans have tried to make them — I suspect Democrats can't win it at all.

Democrats need a positive moral vision that would start by rejecting the idea that we are locked into incessant conflict along class, cultural, racial and ideological lines. It would reject all the appurtenances of the culture warrior pose — the us/them thinking, exaggerating the malevolence of the other half of the country, relying on crude essentialist stereotypes to categorize yourself and others.

Democrats will be outvoted if they are seen to be standing with elite culture warriors against mass culture warriors or imposing the values of metropolitan centers. On the cultural front especially, they have to be seen as champions of the whole nation.

Brooks is a columnist for The New York Times.

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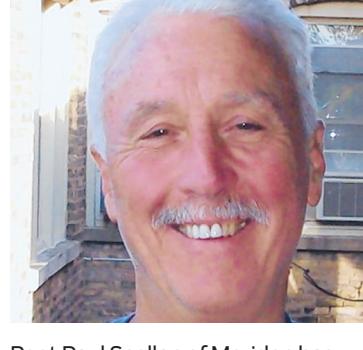
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CONNECTICUT POETS' CORNER PAUL SCOLLAN

## Looking for 'the extraordinary in the ordinary'



Poet Paul Scollan of Meriden has published three collections and several individuals' works. **HANDOUT**

Meriden poet Paul Scollan worked for 35 years as a licensed clinical social worker in community health, and with his wife he raised five sons. For many years, his habit was to get up very early and, assisted by strong coffee and the serenade of birds, spend some time writing before the workday began. He has published three collections of poetry. Many individual poems have been published in literary journals. Publication is not the primary motivation for his writing, however. He writes with family

and friends in mind, as well as for the individuals he's counselled over the years, whose stories have greatly affected Scollan.

He often writes about people who do not usually get much attention: the overlooked, underappreciated, or those who have endured and overcome suffering and hardship. Scollan also looks to the natural world. He says that in his poems, he tries to "craft lines that will take the reader over the unstable rope footbridge between us as we are and as we wish to be, between the body

that will eventually leave and the spirit always yearning for some greater meaning."

He strives to make his poetry accessible to all, not just to academics or people who have spent years studying poetry. And he often uses humor in his work, as it lends balance, perspective, and a bit of humility. Scollan says his biggest wish is for any one poem of his to carry enough weight so that "the reader will sit back in the chair, stare blankly into nowhere for several seconds, and take longer than usual to

move on to the next thing."

He believes that poets search for truths that hide below the surface of things, and that "there will always be a need for poetry simply because it feeds and fortifies the heart, mind and spirit. It finds the extraordinary in the ordinary, the transcendent in the commonplace, and the back-shadows in the animate and inanimate."

— *Ginny Lowe Connors*

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# On exhibit

The latest offerings from Connecticut museums and galleries

By Susan Dunne | HARTFORD COURANT

**C**onnecticut is rich with art galleries, museums and artists in all corners of the state, with gorgeous and engaging exhibits opening every week. Venues that are open to the public, as well as outdoor exhibits, are listed. Visit their websites for social distancing rules.

### Hartford County

#### Wadsworth Atheneum

#### Museum of Art, 600 Main St.

**in Hartford:** "By Her Hand: Artemisia Gentileschi and Women Artists in Italy, 1500–1800" runs through Jan. 9. "Discovering Rose Fried's Nephew by Alice Neel" runs through Jan. 23. "Christina Forrer / MATRIX 187" runs to Jan. 2. "Leonardo Drew: Two Projects" is an exhibit of two of Drew's site-specific sculptural "Explosion" installations, one on the lawn (up until Nov. 14) and another in the Main Street lobby (up until Jan. 2). "Stories in Ivory and Wood, told by Master Carvers" is up until Jan. 23. [thewadsworth.org](http://thewadsworth.org).

#### New Britain Museum of American Art, 56 Lexington St.:

"Strict Beauty: Sol LeWitt Prints" is up to Jan. 9. "Walter Wick: Summer, Autumn, Winter and Happily Ever After" is up until April 1. "Cycle of Terror and Related Work by Graydon Parrish" is up until Dec. 31. [nbmaa.org](http://nbmaa.org).

#### ArtWalk at Hartford Public Library, 500 Main St.:

"Portrait of a Picture: Wladyslaw Prosol" is up from Nov. 5 to Dec. 11. [hplct.org](http://hplct.org).

#### Real Art Ways, 56 Arbor St. in Hartford:

"Nothing" Seungwhui Koo" is up until Dec. 19. [realartways.org](http://realartways.org).

#### Windsor Art Center, 40 Mechanic St.:

"Imagine3: The works and artistic legacy of Dan J. Ferraina" is up to Dec. 4. [windsorartcenter.org](http://windsorartcenter.org).

#### Mark Twain House & Museum, 351 Farmington Ave. in Hartford:

The historical home museum is open for small tours, by reservation only. [marktwainhouse.org](http://marktwainhouse.org).

#### Main Street in Hartford:

A stroll down Main Street provides ample artworks to view. In front of the library, there is a sculpture

by David Hayes and a statue of Mark Twain. Between City Hall and Wadsworth Atheneum is Alexander Calder's massive red "Stegosaurus." In front of the Atheneum is a newly refurbished statue of Nathan Hale and sculptures by Conrad Shawcross, Tony Smith and William Turnbull. Across the street from the Atheneum is Carl Andre's "Stone Field Sculpture." Also across the street from the Atheneum is the Bushnell Towers sculpture garden. [thewadsworth.org](http://thewadsworth.org).

**Connecticut Historical Society, One Elizabeth St. in Hartford:** "Albert's Odd Jobs: Making a Living in the 1800s" is up until April 16. Permanent exhibits are "Making Connecticut" and "Inn & Tavern Signs of Connecticut." [chs.org](http://chs.org).

**WORK\_SPACE, 903 Main St. in Manchester:** "Staycation" is up until Nov. 27. [workspacemanchester.com](http://workspacemanchester.com).

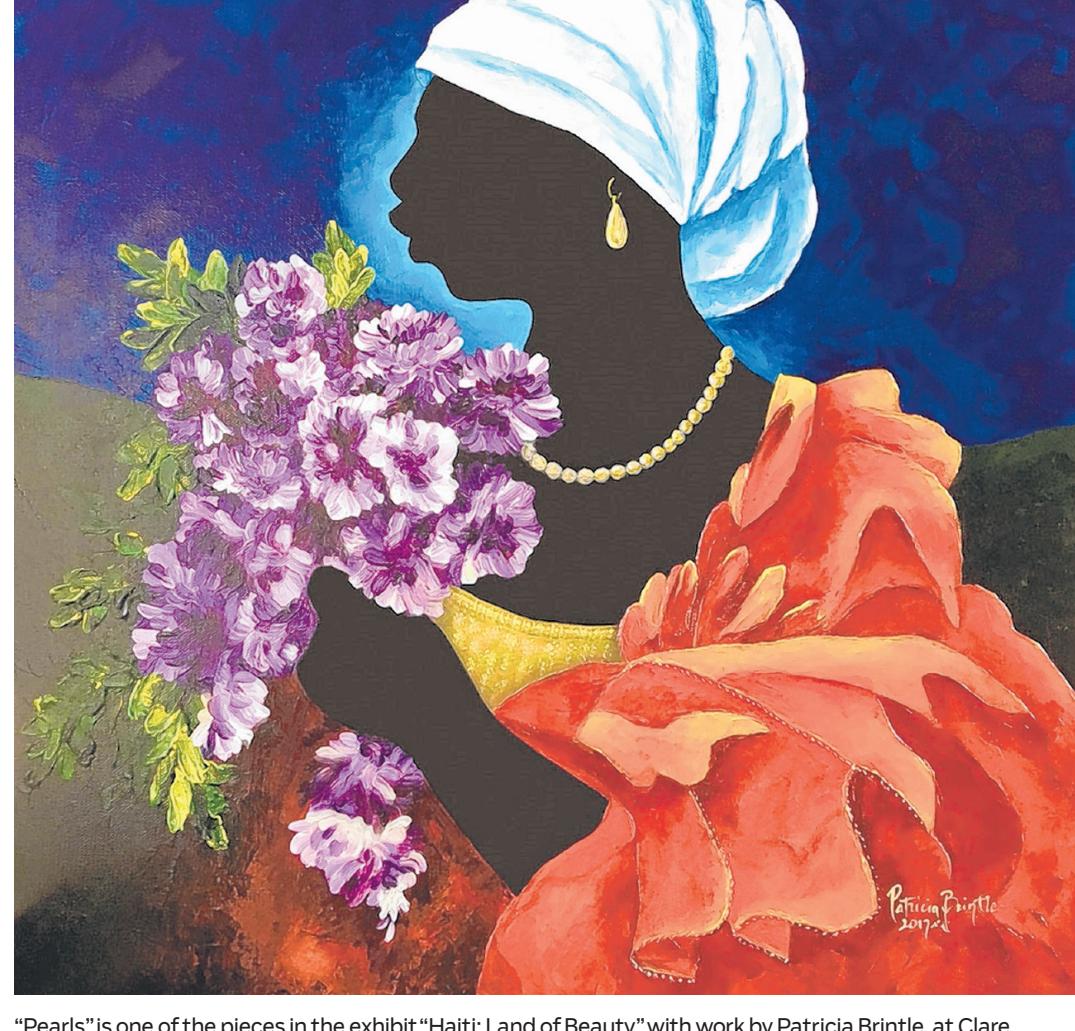
**Mandell JCC, 335 Bloomfield Ave. in West Hartford:** "Abraham: Out of One, Many" with work by Sinan Hussein, Shai Azoulay and Qais al Sindy, is up until Nov. 16. [mandelljcc.org](http://mandelljcc.org).

**Art Gallery at University of Saint Joseph, 1678 Asylum Ave. in West Hartford:** "Tajima in Relief," a retrospective of relief prints by Tajima Hiroyuki, is up to Dec. 11. [usj.edu/arts/art-museum](http://usj.edu/arts/art-museum).

**West Hartford Art League, 37 Buena Vista Road:** "Seven Sisters Sewing," a fiber exhibit featuring work by Diane Cadain, Linda Martin, Judy Ross, Sandy Schrader, Anna Tufankjian, Susan Vassallo and Carol Vinick," and "Abstraction: 5 views,"

featuring work by Carol Ganick, Zbigniew Grzyb, Tom Hlas, Joe Nicorici and Heather Neilson, are up to Nov. 14. [westhartfordart.org](http://westhartfordart.org).

**Clare Gallery at St. Patrick—St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St. in Hartford:** "Haiti: Land of



"Pearls" is one of the pieces in the exhibit "Haiti: Land of Beauty," with work by Patricia Brintle, at Clare Gallery in Hartford. **PATRICIA BRINTLE/COURTESY CLARE GALLERY**

#### Charter Oak Cultural Center, 21 Charter Oak Ave. in Hartford:

"Resilience: The Work of Georges Annan Kingsley" is up until Nov. 17. [charteroakcenter.org](http://charteroakcenter.org).

**Gallery on the Green, on the town green in Canton:** The 53rd Annual Open Juried Exhibition and a solo exhibit by Suzan Scott are up until Nov. 13. [galleryonthegreen.org](http://galleryonthegreen.org).

**Trinity-on-Main, 69 Main St. in New Britain:** "Foundation Paintings" by Paul Baylock, Nancy Brockett, Stanwyck Cromwell, Clinton Deckert, Katie Jurkiewicz, Tatyana Nadgor, Alex Ranniello, David Segerra and Margaret Wilson, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the city, will be on exhibit until March. [happening-here.org/fpp](http://happening-here.org/fpp).

**Homer Babbidge Library on the campus of UConn in Storrs:** "Many Pieces Make a Whole," mosaics by Deb Aldo, and "Sand Paintings From The Navajo

Beauty," work by Patricia Brintle, is up until Nov. 30. [spsact.org](http://spsact.org).

Nation" are up until Dec. 15. [lib.uconn.edu/about/exhibits](http://lib.uconn.edu/about/exhibits).

### Tolland County

#### William Benton Museum of Art, 245 Glenbrook Road at UConn in Storrs:

"Childhood in American Art" is up until Dec. 18. "Facing History: Social Commentary in Contemporary American Art" is up until March 11. [benton.uconn.edu](http://benton.uconn.edu).

**Contemporary Art Galleries, on the campus of UConn in Storrs:** "Death Throes," an exhibit of mirrored-glass works by Eden Dodd, is up until Dec. 5, by appointment only. [contemporaryartgalleries.uconn.edu](http://contemporaryartgalleries.uconn.edu).

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**Middlesex County**

#### Ezra and Cecile Zilkha Gallery at Wesleyan University in Middletown:

"The Language in Common," a group show with work by Cecilia Vicuña, Tanya Lukin Linklater, Julien Creuze, Jasper Marsalis and Alice Notley, will be up to Dec. 12. [wesleyan.edu/cfa/cfa](http://wesleyan.edu/cfa/cfa).

**Free Center, 52 North Main St. in Middletown:** "OpenWall: VisAble," a show of work by artists with disabilities, will be up until Nov. 17. [freecenter.us](http://freecenter.us).

**Six Summit Gallery, 314 Flat Rock Place, Suite F135 and F140, in the Outlets at Westbrook:** "Mythic Lore: Etchings &

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### COURANT ARTS PICKS FOR NOV. 7-13

## Golden Girls puppets, Dave Matthews at Mohegan Sun, an evening with C.S. Lewis

By Christopher Arnott

Hartford Courant

It's a week of homecomings: Bloomfield-raised guitar ace Jeff Pevar jamming with friends at Infinity Hall, UConn theater student turned Broadway star Jackie Burns premiering a new revue, or just swift returns of recent visitors like Chazz Palminteri or Dave Matthews.

### Pevar's in Hartford

Guitarist Jeff Pevar lives in Oregon and tours internationally, but he grew up in Bloomfield, began his career here, and

has never lost touch with his old bandmates in the state. The COVID hiatus means that Pevar — who's played with the likes of Ray Charles, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Bette Midler, Joe Cocker and James Taylor, among many others — hasn't visited Connecticut in two years. He's at Infinity Hall, 32 Front St., Hartford twice this month: Nov. 7 for a "Jeff Pevar & Friends" reunion with organist Matt Zeiner, "Rob the Drummer" Gottfried and others, then back Nov. 14 for a "Guitarness" gig alongside revered locals Scott Murawski (guitarist for Max Creek), bassist David Livolsi, drummer Jon Peckman and

as-yet-undivulged special guests. Both shows are at 8 p.m. and tickets for each cost \$27-\$42. [infinityhall.com](http://infinityhall.com).

### A Webster wedding dance

The Noah Webster House & West Hartford Historical Society is hosting a Colonial wedding dance, such as Webster himself would have taken part in with his betrothed Rebecca Greenleaf, Nov. 7 at 3 p.m. Colonial costumes encouraged but not required. Cake and punch will be served. Appropriate for ages 10 and up.



Dance Theatre of Harlem performs Nov. 11 at the Shubert in New Haven. **BRIAN CALLAN**

227 South Main St., West Hartford. [noahwebsterhouse.org](http://noahwebsterhouse.org).

### Zakk Label Society

If you only know Zakk Wylde

as the guitarist for Ozzy Osbourne (with whom he recorded from 1988 to 2007, and still occasionally plays live with) or from the

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# From classic to neo-noir, make it a 'Noirvember' to remember

**By Katie Walsh**  
Tribune News Service

Though you may want to cue up the never-ending stream of holiday movies that are now available, don't rush the season. Savor the moody stylings of Noir November, or "Noirvember," as it's called by those who celebrate.

Films noir are typically highly stylized crime dramas suffused with a deeply cynical or otherwise dark worldview. The term was popularized by French critics after World War II to describe Hollywood films from the 1940s and '50s that fit this bill: black-and-white dramas made within the studio system that often explored the darker side of life with an undeniably bleak and nihilistic attitude.

These loose parameters continue to offer filmmakers a thematic playground to explore, so here's a list of streaming suggestions for your Noirvember viewing, from the classic to the neo-noir.

Billy Wilder's 1944 masterpiece "Double Indemnity" will always top the lists of best classic film noir. The film stars Barbara Stanwyck as the ultimate femme fatale who ensnares

Fred MacMurray's insurance agent into a plot to kill her husband. Rent it on all digital platforms for \$3.99. The same goes for the 1946 Howard Hawks joint "The Big Sleep," starring Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall in the classic Phillip Marlowe detective tale. Rent it everywhere for \$2.99.

Robert Mitchum was one of classic noir's finest stars, and one of his best films is the twisty 1947 Jacques Tourneur film "Out of the Past," co-starring Kirk Douglas. That film is streaming on the Criterion Channel as a part of a newly unveiled Mitchum collection, which also includes the terrifying 1955 Charles Laughton film — the Southern fable as film noir — "Night of the Hunter." Those films are also available to rent on other digital platforms.

Film noir at its sexiest, grimmest, and most insouciant comes in the form of Samuel Fuller's 1953 film "Pickup on South Street," starring a magnetic Richard Widmark as New York's nastiest pickpocket. Jean Peters and Thelma Ritter are also fantastic. Catch it on the Criterion Channel or



Jean Peters and Richard Widmark in Samuel Fuller's 1953 film "Pickup on South Street." **20TH CENTURY FOX**

Curtis Hanson's 1997 crime drama set in the 1950s, "L.A. Confidential," is a throwback neo-noir, stream it on Pluto or IMDb TV or rent it for \$3.99 elsewhere. In the realm of the truly modern, Michael Mann, the king of the existential crime thriller, seemingly invented "neon noir" with his 1981 debut, "Thief" starring James Caan as a crackerjack safecracker. Watch that on the Criterion Channel. Mann expanded this noirish exploration

with his 2004 film "Collateral," starring Jamie Foxx and Tom Cruise in the taxi ride from hell around Los Angeles (on HBO Max or \$2.99 rental), as well as in his largely misunderstood 2006 magnum opus "Miami Vice," this time starring Foxx as undercover cop Tubbs opposite Colin Farrell's Sonny Crockett (on Starz or \$3.99 rental). Nicolas Winding Refn's 2011 film "Drive," is undoubtedly indebted to

the neon noir subgenre Mann spearheaded, with Ryan Gosling in the role of a taciturn driver for hire. Watch it free with ads on IMDb TV or rent it for \$2.99.

Taylor Sheridan's best film is easily his 2016 Western neo-noir "Hell or High Water" starring Chris Pine and Ben Foster as a pair of criminal Oklahoma brothers, which is streaming on Hulu or available for a \$3.99 rental. Steve McQueen's 2018

heist movie "Widows" is a perfect neo-noir, penned by "Gone Girl" author Gillian Flynn, starring Viola Davis, Cynthia Erivo and Elizabeth Debicki. Watch it on FXNow or rent it for \$3.99. Finally, Julia Hart gave the '70s noir a feminist spin with her 2020 crime drama "I'm Your Woman," starring Rachel Brosnahan, which takes a look at the female point of view on the classic gangster movie. Watch it on Amazon Prime.

## Scollan

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### Christmas Eve, Vietnam

So far from home and in a place where natives wished us gone, or dead — the latter granted all too often — at least we had our homesick selves. And on that Christmas Eve were some who went back home inside their heads, while others held to one another such as families do, like us the buddies four gone forth for rounds of caroling, our mugs filled up with each recital, best as I recall. I awoke beside a pile of sandbags by a bunker, blinked back sun and found my head and feet, and shrugged it off as countless others hadn't — woken up, that is.

### Playing Cyrano, Fort Dix, '69

He begged me to write his girlfriend a letter for him. Owen was from the West Virginia "hollers," and illiterate. How he got into the Army was anyone's guess, but there he was, a bunk away in basic training. Could be the military had been getting less fussy, so as to feed more to the war. Owen couldn't stay out of his own way, flubbed most training exercises, marksmanship being his only skill, not with guns, mind you, but spitting chawin' tobacco for accuracy and distance. The drill sergeants rode this poor hillbilly pretty hard. I sat on Owen's bunk and asked what he wanted me to write. First, I had to tell Lavinia about what it was like at Fort Dix: marching drills, crawling under barb-wire, hurling grenades, all of that. Then he paused for some time, dewy-eyed, and started to blush, before stammering something about his feelings for her, that he didn't have the words. I said don't worry, I'd write he missed her, hoped she missed

him, and please wait as he'd be home soon. I asked if I should also say *I love you*, but he backed off on that. Truth be told, I added a line or two of my own, about the October hunter's moon peeking through the shelter-half over his foxhole on maneuvers, and how he swore he caught the image of her face in it, veiled purest white, radiant, and heard a voice soft and gentle murmuring.

*Stay strong, my love, I'm waiting. Yours truly, Owen.* Too late to retrieve it. The letter went out next morning.

Owen and I soon parted ways—different assignments.

Word was, from a former fellow Dix trainee, Owen had

passed basic, and days after getting home, tied the knot.

### Jukebox, the Hilton

He sat lifetimes alone in that box of six walls, vertical and horizontal, all semi-dark empty space but for the corner jukebox where Chaz the rat came out to sniff around now and then. When fear got the upper hand, he'd hit the button that sent him back to where he left off on his list, alphabetical by title or artist, every one he could remember of life living back home in *The World*. He'd hum, he'd sing along with every tune, trolling memory for the lyrics. Once, at the interval between Barry Sadler and The Beach Boys, the juke shut down for minutes or hours, and in that void came the pondering of *after-lives* — the one hoped for after dying, and the indulgent hypothetical one of what if, what to do if surviving. We take a break between patients, grab a cup of coffee for a chat in the staff room of this urban mental health center. Jack's much older than the other medical interns on rotation in psychiatry. I ask how he got into medicine, and his reply, "a promise," then tells the story of a Navy jet pilot shot down and captured, taken to the Hanoi Hilton as a "VIP guest" (laughs) and the promise to God (if listening to warriors' pleas) and to himself: for each one taken, others to save a thousand-fold.

### April Tour, Factory Town

Above me, a half-painted steeple on a

drop-cloth of indigo; to my right, Jake's barber pole turning spirals in the parking lot puddle from last night's rain; two blocks down, the all-night diner goes giddy from the breaking sun's riot on its armor of chrome. Here, no mists rolling off the Adirondacks, no clipper masts parting clouds in Mystic Port, no million glowing windows from towers looking down. This town's content with plaid flannel, liver spots, bird-nest hair, front porches for sitting, Sunday mornings for churchgoers and shade-tree mechanics, elder strollers tapping canes on uneven slate walks, gracious accepters of moss on stone and habits gone wrong and sometimes quirky. It's an old suit vest without the suit, with orphaned buttons that don't match — and when one pops off lost, you'll see me looking.

### Wedge of Blacktop, Saturday, 1955

All they could wish was this wedge of blacktop by the back-porch stoop of this matchbox cape in this shirt-cling evening of a dog-day swoon, the Breadloaf radio set out on the rail, the longneck beers, dead soldiers on the stairs, Blanche kicking high in her grease-stained dress, her great girth tweaking like she's traveling light, Chaz winging free right into tomorrow in his busman's pants, his spit-shined shoes,

a sleeveless top, sweet jazz in his moves to the toot of Duke in "It Don't Mean a Thing," and a switch of the dial to slow it all down to arms ringing round to doo-wop sounds could melt chrome off the Chevy, roll honey up the driveway of the house next door.

### Haircut

It was one of those family discount hair-

cut stores where you get the next of four or five hairdressers.

She was petite, in her early 20's likely, tattoos of something on her upper right arm,

short-cropped hair dyed orange,

a small ring in her left nostril,

and introduced as Megan,

and I wondered what I had gotten into.

Then, without my saying, she told me what I wanted,

correctly, and commenced to move deftly

through my shock of wild Einstein hair,

snipping in neat layers with scissors and comb

as snowy tumbleweed rolled down the dark-blue cape,

and my remark that she seemed a pro

set loose a flow of self-revelation

of wanting to get into graphic arts like her dad

but ending up a hairdresser instead,

practicing on her dad till she got it right,

and how this was art too, wasn't it?

And in no time she was done.

Dropping scissors and comb she picked

up her hand-mirror

and flashed back a perfectly-sculpted cut,

saying this was part of her,

and I'd be taking part of her with me.

As I unhooked my jacket and reached for the sleeve,

I looked back to see her sweeping

my hair-clippings into a delicate stand-

ing pile

and ever so gingerly picking it up with

her fingers

and placing it down under her big-mir-

ror work station,

as if it were a cast-off secondary creation,

just as perfect, from me to her.

### February, Hubbard Park

This winter walk along the old pond wall draws me into grazing long on pauses. Below my feet in deep-down cracks, I feel

the nerve-pulse stem and veiny root awaken.

The broom-straw maples spike the low-cloud

ceiling where the crows go silent in their perch.

Three mallards paddle into floating

clouds of

soggy bread tossed out by morning's feeders.

The mud, its suction grabs my heels

as if it wants to say, stay.

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## Picks

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Black Sabbath tribute band he leads, Zakk Sabbath, then you've missed over a dozen albums or EPs he's done (bearing such memorable titles as "The Song Remains Not the Same," "Skullage" and "Nuns and Roaches: Tasty Little Bastards") over the past quarter century with Black Label Society, which rages Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Webster Theater, 31 Webster St., Hartford, with opening acts Obituary and Prong. \$39. webstertheater.com.

### The Ghost in You

A lot of people discovered Psychedelic Furs when their song "Pretty in Pink" inspired the John Hughes teen comedy film of the same name. But that song was on the band's second album, and that

dark swirling post-punk sound had already been well established with songs such as "Sister Europe," "We Love You" and "Imitation of Christ." Psychedelic Furs separated in the 1990s, reformed in 2001, landed another song on a hip soundtrack album (for "Stranger Things" this time), and released their eighth studio album, "Made of Rain," last year. Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. at College Street Music Hall, 238 College St., New Haven. The opening act is Royston Langdon of Spacehog. \$35-\$49.50. collegestreetmusic.com.

### Two nights of Dave Matthews jams

Dave Matthews Band played Farm Aid in Hartford at the end of September. Here the band is again, at Mohegan Sun Arena, 1 Mohegan Sun Boulevard,

Uncasville Nov. 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. Last year it was announced that the band, which had regularly played Hartford's Xfinity Theater every summer for decades, would shift its shows to Mohegan Sun. This one has been postponed a couple times due to COVID and is finally happening. \$87 and \$117. mohegansun.com.

### Dance Theater of Harlem back in New Haven

For decades, the Shubert in New Haven has welcomed some of the best modern dance companies in the country, especially those from New York City. The Dance Theater of Harlem returns Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. with a program that includes choreography by Stanton Welch ("Orange"), José Limón ("Chaconne"), Dianne McIntyre ("Change") and

Robert Garland ("Return"). 247 College St., New Haven. \$35-\$65. shubert.com.

### Back to the Bronx

"A Bronx Tale" began in 1989 as an autobiographical one-man theater piece written and performed by Chazz Palminteri, about his many brushes with the mob as a young man in New York. In 1993 it became a movie directed by Robert DeNiro. In 2016 it became a Broadway musical, also directed by DeNiro. Now Palminteri has returned "A Bronx Tale" to its roots, performing the original solo show on a national tour. He brought it to the Palace in Waterbury just last month and on Nov. 12 at 8 p.m. he'll be at the Garde Arts Center, 325 State St., New London. \$38-\$65. gardearts.org.

### Broadway radio

Sacred Heart University's new Community Theatre space is premiering a high-concept new revue, "Broadway Mix Tape," with Middletown-born UConn grad Broadway star Jackie Burns ("Wicked," "If/Then") and off-Broadway star Max Sangerman. The show takes Broadway showtunes and rethinks them as "classic radio hits." Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. 1420 Post Road, Fairfield. \$40. shucommunitytheatre.org.

### The lion, the witch, and the guy who wrote them

C.S. Lewis wrote the immortal Narnia fantasy series, the space adventure "Out of the Silent Planet," the demonic satire "The Screwtape Letters," hundreds of poems and

dozens of essays and articles. Just about everything he wrote was influenced by his interest in theology. Lewis (who died in 1963) is a fine subject for a one-man theater show, and that's what actor David Payne delivers with "An Evening with C.S. Lewis," Nov. 13 at The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford, at 4 p.m. \$70.50. bushnell.org.

### Thank you for being a puppet

"That Golden Girls Show" takes scenes from the classic sitcom and reenacts them with brassy puppet versions of Sophia, Rose, Blanche and Dorothy. Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. at the Palace Theater, 100 East Main St., Waterbury. \$25-\$55. palacetheaterct.org.

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# Harper reaches a good place in acting career

Series momentum propelled him into leading-man roles

By Yvonne Villarreal  
Los Angeles Times

As recently as five years ago, William Jackson Harper's career goals were simple: He wanted to reach a level of success where he wasn't worried about rent or in need of several roommates.

To be where he is now — in London, shooting a film he can't discuss — is, to his mind, a wild turn of events.

Until 2016, when he landed the role of Chidi Anagonye, the endearingly indecisive and anxious former ethics scholar, on NBC's "The Good Place," Harper was the definition of "working actor," competing for on- and off-Broadway roles and landing guest spots on shows like "Law & Order: Criminal Intent" and "30 Rock."

"Just before booking 'The Good Place,' I was at this place in my career where I was like, 'I'm not sure that I like this anymore,'" he says. "I'm not sure having several roommates and living paycheck to paycheck and being in my mid-30s and wondering, 'Is this what my life is going to be forever?' is it? ... I was always just a little bit freaked out."

He hoped that Chidi and "The Good Place" would result in steady work for a season, at most. The series lasted four and gave him the momentum to snatch up roles in the 2019 films "Midsommar" and "Dark Waters."

So Harper, 41, can breathe a little easier now.

Not only is he appearing in a secret film project, but he's also headlining the new season of HBO Max's



William Jackson Harper stars as Marcus Watkins in the second season of the series "Love Life." **SARAH SHATZ/HBO MAX**

anthology series "Love Life." Now streaming, the show explores the ups and downs of adulthood and the romantic escapades that present themselves along the way.

It follows other recent projects that have placed Harper in leading-man territory. Earlier this year, he gave a soulful performance as a freeborn Black man in pre-Civil War America who has a sweeping romance with a runaway slave (Thuso Mbedu) in Barry Jenkins' limited series, "The Underground Railroad"; he also starred in the film "We Broke Up," about a couple who call it quits but pretend to still be together to fulfill a wedding obligation.

tion. "I never thought that being the central character in anything on-screen was in the cards for me," Harper says. "I always figured, at best, I'd get to be a really strong left-of-center supporting character. That was where I thought the journey ended for me. I still would love to play those roles too. But I never saw this side of it for me. And I like it. I feel like I'm reading a book where every time I turn a page, it's empty and being written right in front of me a little bit. And there's possibility."

In the new season of "Love Life," Harper carries the lead baton passed on by Anna Kendrick in the first season. He plays Marcus Watkins, a 30-something book editor who dives back into the dating pool after blowing up his marriage in ways only he didn't see coming. The story follows Marcus over several years as he floats in and out of relationships while in various stages of self-discovery.

"It is more than just a story of dating and romance. It's really just a story of a person growing up," says Harper, also an executive producer.

To add a level of connection to the character, Harper visited the writers room a few times to share his own mistakes and the questionable decisions he has made in relationships, but he's careful to note, "Marcus' journey is not my

journey."

Co-showrunner Sam Boyd agrees, sort of. With Harper, he says: "You feel like you're watching a movie star and a real person at the same time, which seems kind of contradictory, but you're like, 'Oh, this is like a real guy in the world, and he also has this incredible gravitas and this incredible kind of star power and charisma.'"

For nearly a decade, Harper's own love story has been strong and steady. His partner is Ali Ahn ("Billions," "Orange Is the New Black"); both were in relationships when they began doing theater together in New York.

Eventually, they starred in a production of "Romeo and Juliet"; both single by then, "it just spiraled up into the sky from there."

Harper was raised in the Dallas suburbs. He was 8 when his father, a computer operator for a power company, died. His mom, an executive assistant until Harper was in middle school, went back to school to get a nursing degree.

"There was a time where all of us were in the house doing homework," Harper recalls. "... My mom gave up a lot and put up with a lot to give us options."

He wasn't a child who showed early signs of being a performer. He took theater in middle school only because his mom made him — an attempt to get the shy kid out of his shell. "I thought it was corny. I thought it was going to be a whole lot of getting down on one knee in front of a balcony wearing some stockings and some pumpkin pants — I wanted nothing to do with that."

Eventually, however, that ambivalence turned

to admiration; acting not only brought him out of his shell, but it also became a passion that fulfilled him.

After graduating from the College of Santa Fe in New Mexico, he moved to New York, working flexible jobs to sustain him in his anxious pursuit of becoming a working actor, always aware that success could fall away just as magically as it was achieved.

Maybe that's why Harper's peers sense both ease and intensity in his work ethic.

"He has such ease as an actor. He is one of those people you think might have been born to do it," says Kristen Bell, his former co-star on "The Good Place." "He is very hard to throw off his game. But he also makes some of the most outrages outrageous choices I have ever seen made by an actor; particularly when choosing the volume or tempo with which he delivers a line, but somehow they work every single time."

"He's a very methodical and very cerebral performer," is how Jenkins describes Harper. "Once he gets a full understanding of the character, then he kind of becomes more instinctive, like he's moving on intuition."

Harper's just happy to leave an impression. Whatever this secret film turns out to be and with whom ever he teams up next, it's clear he's enjoying this moment.

"Getting to work with these people I've watched from afar for so long is a privilege that is not lost on me," he says. "It feels like midnight on Christmas Day when you were a kid, but like all the time. I've got these new toys I keep opening up, and I don't want to put them down."

## Exhibits

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Paintings by Stoimen Stoilov and Sculptures by Dana Naumann, curated by Johnes Ruta, is up until Nov. 15. [sixsummitgallery.com](http://sixsummitgallery.com).

**Earth and Fire Art Studio, 2 Main St. in Essex:** A group show will be up until the end of December. [earthandfireartstudio.com](http://earthandfireartstudio.com).

## Windham County

**Top Shelf Gallery at Fletcher Memorial Library, 257 Main St. in Hampton:** Work by Kristin Emilyta will be up to Dec. 31. [fletchermemoriallibrary.org](http://fletchermemoriallibrary.org).

**The Art Gallery in the Fine Arts Instructional Center, Room 112, at Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham St. in Willimantic:** "The Artist as Witness," work by Elise Engler, Michael Caron, Ryan Carpenter, Nancy Chunn, Sue Coe, Lee Jupina Sr., Käthe Kollwitz, Michael Reddick and Rowan Renee, is up until Feb. 1. [easternct.edu/art-gallery](http://easternct.edu/art-gallery).

**Litchfield County**  
**The Sophie Gallery, 15 Water St. in Torrington:** "Wrench & Obi," an exhibit of work by Scott Ritter, is up until Jan. 31. [thesophiegallery.com](http://thesophiegallery.com).

**Souterrain Gallery, 413 Sharon Goshen Turnpike in West Cornwall:** "Oubliette: Amber Maida" will be up to Nov. 21. [souterraingallery.net](http://souterraingallery.net).

**David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St. in the Falls Village section of Canaan:** "Flora and Fauna," featuring oil paintings by Lilly Woodworth and etchings by Allen Blagden, is up until Dec. 24. [hunlibrary.org](http://hunlibrary.org).

**Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane in Kent:** "Memories of the Future: Daniel Anselmi and Jenny Kemp" is up until Nov. 20. [kbfaf.com](http://kbfaf.com).

## New London County

**Florence Griswold Museum, 96 Lyme St. in Old Lyme:** "Revisiting America: The Prints of Currier & Ives" is

up until Jan. 24. [flogris.org](http://flogris.org).

**Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Road:** "A Spectacle in Motion: The Grand Panorama of a Whaling Voyage 'Round the World" will be up until March 27. [mysticseaport.org/explore/exhibits](http://mysticseaport.org/explore/exhibits).

**Gilbert V. Boro Studio 80 + Sculpture Grounds, 80 Lyme St. in Old Lyme:** The sculpture grounds, with works by Boro and other artists, is on private property but is open to the public. Boro asks guests not to enter any buildings. A YouTube video about the grounds, part of the Smithsonian Channel documentary series "America: Over the Edge," can be seen at [gilbertboro.com](http://gilbertboro.com).

**Sill House Gallery at Lyme Academy of Fine Arts, 84 Lyme St. in Old Lyme:** "Memento Vivere," with work by Felipe Alonso, Steven Assael, David Baird, Colleen Barry, Tamie Beldue, Hedi Ben Nun, Nina Cairns, Eudald De Juana, Hollis Dunlap, Paul Fenniak, Ann Gale, Michael Grimaldi, Amaya Gupide, Grzegorz Gwiazda, Diarmuid Kelley, Edward Kinsella, Paco Lafarga, Kate Lehman, Eduardo Millan, Eloy Morales, Ed Praybe, Edmond Rochat, Travis Schlaht, Bernardo Siciliano, Will St. John, Peter Van Dyck, Eran Webber, Timothy P. Wilson and Yuval Yosifov, is up until Dec. 9. [lymeacademy.edu](http://lymeacademy.edu).

**Mystic Museum of Art, 9 Water St.:** "Michael Melford: A Passage between Earth and Sky," an exhibit of work by the National Geographic photographer, and "Flourish," a group show celebrating survival, are up until Dec. 19. [mysticmuseumofart.org](http://mysticmuseumofart.org).

**Norwich Arts Center, 62 Broadway:** "Seeking Solace" work by Susan Scott Kenney, is up until Nov. 30. [norwicharts.org/exhibits](http://norwicharts.org/exhibits).

**Lyman Allyn Art Museum, 625 Williams St. in New London:** "'Luster: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting'" is up to Jan. 2. "The Way Sisters: Miniaturists of the Early

Republic" will be up to Jan. 23. [lymanallyn.org](http://lymanallyn.org).

## New Haven County

**Yale University Art Gallery, 1111 Chapel St. in New Haven:** "On the Basis of Art: 150 Years of Women at Yale" is up to Jan. 9. The permanent collection also is on display. [artgallery.yale.edu](http://artgallery.yale.edu).

**Yale Center for British Art, 1080 Chapel St. in New Haven:** Permanent collection exhibits "Britain in the World" and "Love, Life, Death, and Desire: An Installation of the Center's Collections" are up until Dec. 31. "Furniture at the Yale Center for British Art: A Selection" is up until Dec. 12. "The Hilton Als Series: Njideka Akunyili Crosby" is up until Jan. 22. [britishart.yale.edu](http://britishart.yale.edu).

**Artspace, 50 Orange St. in New Haven:** "Everywhere and Here: Artists Respond to the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History Collection," a group exhibit of work by Martha Friedman, Anina Major, Brittany Nelson, Cauleen Smith and Tuan Andrew Nguyen, is up to Nov. 20. [artspacecnh.org](http://artspacecnh.org).

**Palestine Museum US, 1764 Litchfield Turnpike, Suite 200, in Woodbridge:** The museum is open by appointment only at [palestinemuseum.us](http://palestinemuseum.us).

**NXTHVN, 169 Henry St. in New Haven:** "Christian Curiel: Between Reveries" will be up to Nov. 28. [nxthvn.com](http://nxthvn.com).

**New Haven Pride Center, 84 Orange St.:** "Queer Art: Retrospectively," with work by Anne Gogh, Basurababi, Marc Anthony, Anthony Barroso, Robert Bienstock, Jesse Bowie, KC Councilor, Susan Czark, Siobhan Ekeh, Tony Ferraioli, Lena Fin, Lari Freeman, Elliott Grinnell, Don Houston, Maxwell Kale, Jules Larson, Lee Massaro, Luciana McClure, Ricky Mestre, Jaii Marc Renee, Jesus Morales Sanchez, Sarah Savercool, Juancarlo Soto, Carl Sylvester, Charlotte van Voorhis and Tia Lynn Waters, is up until Nov. 14. [newhavenpridecenter.org/exhibitions/exhibit-queer-art/](http://newhavenpridecenter.org/exhibitions/exhibit-queer-art/).

**Gallery at the Institute Library, 847 Chapel St. in New Haven:** John T. Hill: Per-



"Power Couple" is part of the exhibit "Christian Curiel: Between Reveries" at NXTHVN, 169 Henry St. in New Haven. **CHRISTIAN CURIEL**

sistent Observer," an exhibit selected from 65 years of photographs, is up to Jan. 15. [institutelibrary.org](http://institutelibrary.org)

**New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Ave.:** "Strange Times: Downtown New Haven in the COVID Era" and "Factory" are up until the end of winter. [newhavenmuseum.org](http://newhavenmuseum.org).

**City Gallery, 994 State St. in New Haven:** "William Frucht: Last Summer" is up from Nov. 5 to 28. [city-gallery.org](http://city-gallery.org).

**Mattatuck Museum, 63 Prospect St. in Waterbury:** "Norman Rockwell: Behind the Camera" is up until Jan. 16. "Collecting Presidential History: Signatures and Ephemera," an exhibit of pieces from the collection of Francis T. "Fay" Vincent Jr., is up until Dec. 31. "Michele Tragakiss: Geometry and Gesture" and "Discovering New York's Wrapper: The Art of Francis Hines" are up until Nov. 21. [mattmuseum.org](http://mattmuseum.org).

**Kehler Liddell Gallery, 873 Whalley Ave. in New Haven:** "Circumnavigation," work by Brian Flinn, and "Parker / Wilton," work by R. F. Wilton, are up to Nov. 28. [kehlerliddellgallery.com](http://kehlerliddellgallery.com).

**Susan Powell Fine Art, 679 Boston Post Road in Madison:** The annual holiday show is up from Nov. 5 to Jan. 12. [susanpowellfineart.com](http://susanpowellfineart.com).

**Bruce Museum, One Museum Drive in Greenwich:** "Fisher Dollhouse: A Venetian Palazzo in Miniature" and "RESOLUTE: Native Nations Art in the Bruce Collection" are up from Nov. 7 to Jan. 31. [brucemuseum.org](http://brucemuseum.org).

**The Gallery at Still River Editions, 128 East Liberty St. in Danbury:** A 10 Year Retrospective Group Exhibition runs to Dec. 17. Artists are Lisa Berger, Paul Berger and Caroline Harman of Newtown; Colin Burke and Phyllis Crowley of New Haven; Joy Bush, Tom Peterson, Kerri Sancomb, Jeff

Mueller and Keith Johnson of Hamden; Shona Curtis of New Preston; Chris Durante of Redding; William Frucht of Danbury; Daisy Gesualdi, David Gesualdi, Vito Gesualdi and Tara Tomaselli of Bethel; Gene Gort of Torrington; Cam Gould of Monroe; Marcy Juran of Westport; Ben Larrabee of Darien; Nancy Lasar of Washington. [stillrivereditions.com](http://stillrivereditions.com).

**Hollis Taggart Southport, 330 Pequot Ave.:** "Line, Shape, Color and Form," an exhibit of modernism, surrealism, abstract expressionism, pop art and minimalism, is up from Nov. 6 to Dec. 11. [hollistaggart.com](http://hollistaggart.com).

**Housatonic Museum of Art, on the campus of Housatonic Community College, 900 Lafayette Blvd. in Bridgeport:** "Eric Chiang: Are We Born Connected?" is up until May 18. [museum.housatonic.edu](http://museum.housatonic.edu).

**Fairfield University Art Museum, 200 Barlow Road in Fairfield:** "Carrie Mae Weems: The Usual Suspects," "Roberto Lugo: New Ceramics" and "Robert Gerhardt: Mic Check" are up to Dec. 18. [fairfield.edu/museum/](http://fairfield.edu/museum/)

**Art Gallery at Western Connecticut State University, in the Visual & Performing Arts Center on the Westside Campus, 43 Lake Ave. Extension in Danbury:** "Digital: AAA Prints 2012-2019" is up to Dec. 5. [wcsu.edu/art/gallery/](http://wcsu.edu/art/gallery/)

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# TRAVEL

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Cars on Mexico's newest cableway pass a mural by artist Hugo Jocka on Sept. 21 in the sprawling Iztapalapa borough of Mexico City. LUIS ANTONIO ROJAS/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

# An explosion of color

Colorful murals in Mexico City encourage women in feeling safe

By Oscar Lopez

The New York Times

MEXICO CITY — Observed from a soaring cable car, the city is a sea of concrete stretching to the horizon, ruptured only by clusters of skyscrapers and the remains of ancient volcanoes. Some 60 feet below is the borough of Iztapalapa, a warren of winding streets and alleyways.

But then, on a rooftop, a sudden burst of color: a giant monarch butterfly perched atop a purple flower. Farther along the route of Mexico City's newest cableway, a toucan and a scarlet macaw stare up at passengers. Later, on a canary yellow wall, there is a young girl in a red dress, her eyes closed in an expression of absolute bliss.

The 6.5-mile line, inaugurated in August, is the longest public cableway in the world, according to the city government. As well as halving the commute time for many workers in the capital's most populous borough, the cable car has an added attraction: exuberant murals painted by an army of local artists, many of which can be viewed only from above.

"There are paintings and murals all along the route," said César Enrique Sánchez del Valle, a music teacher, who was taking the cable car home on a recent Tuesday afternoon. "It's nice, something unexpected."

The rooftop paintings are the latest step in a beautification project from Iztapalapa's government, which has hired some 140 artists over the past three years to blanket the neighborhood with almost 7,000 pieces of public art, creating explosions of color in one of the most crime-ridden areas of Mexico City.

"People want to rescue their history, the history of the neighborhood," said the borough's mayor, Clara Brugada Molina. "Iztapalapa



A mural by artist Miguel Tenorio on a house Sept. 10 in Mexico City's sprawling borough of Iztapalapa.

becomes a giant gallery."

Sprawling toward the outer edge of Mexico City, Iztapalapa is home to 1.8 million residents, some of whom are among the poorest in the city. Many work in wealthier neighborhoods, and before the cable car, this often meant hourslong commutes.

As with many poor urban areas of Mexico, Iztapalapa has long been afflicted by both a lack of basic services, like running water, as well as high levels of violence, often linked to organized crime.

The mayor's art initiative is part of a broader plan to make Iztapalapa safer, including with street lamps that now bathe in light the main roads that were once shrouded in darkness.

The murals feature national icons like Aztec deities, revolutionary leader Emiliano Zapata

and artist Frida Kahlo, with a dash of turquoise across her eyes.

But there are nods to more local heroes, too.

Against a scarlet backdrop with blue, yellow, teal and lime-green shapes floating behind her, the image of a short-haired woman smiles at the viewer: It's Lupita Bautista, an Iztapalapa native and a world champion boxer who is almost as colorful in real life.

On a recent morning, Bautista, 33, stepped into her gym wearing fluorescent green sneakers, a pink beanie and a rainbow tie-dye sweatshirt with her name scrawled in fuchsia glitter across the front.

"I love that the colors are so strong," she said of the government-funded project that, in addition to creating the murals, has transformed the neighbor-

hood where she trains into a mosaic of color by coating the cinder block houses in bright hues, a paint job that would be unaffordable to many residents. "It gives it a lot of life."

Bautista's childhood story is a familiar one in the borough. When she was young, her house in Iztapalapa had no electricity — lit only by the glow of candles at night. Her neighborhood did not have sidewalks or even paved roads.

"Everything was gray," she recalled.

Crime was an issue, too, with robberies and murders so common that Bautista said her mother only let her or her sister leave the house to go to school.

With many avenues now brightly lit, she said she felt much safer jogging after dark.

"I was built running through the streets," she said of her

youth spent weaving through the neighborhood's avenues and alleyways long before she became a champion fighter. "Now you can run with a lot more security and focus — not thinking about when someone's going to jump out and scare you."

But despite the government's efforts, most people in Iztapalapa continue to live in fear: According to a June survey from Mexico's national statistics agency, nearly 8 in 10 residents said they felt unsafe — among the highest rate for any city in the country.

Women in particular face pervasive violence in Iztapalapa, which ranks among the top 25 municipalities in the country for femicide, in which a woman is killed because of her gender. From 2012-17, city security cameras recorded more instances of sexual assault against women in Iztapalapa than in any other Mexico City borough, according to a 2019 report from the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

That gender-based violence is what prompted the mural and lighting project in the first place, according to the mayor: to create pathways where women could feel safe walking home. Many of the murals celebrate women, either residents like Bautista or famous figures from history as well as feminist symbols.

"We're trying to reclaim the streets for women," said Brugada, the mayor.

Alejandra Atrisco Amilpas, an artist who has painted some 300 murals in Iztapalapa, believes they can make residents prouder of where they live, but she admits they can only go so far.

"Paint helps a lot, but sadly it can't change the reality of social problems," she said. "A mural isn't going to change whether you care about the woman being beat up on the corner."

## Why you should consider a travel agent when booking your next trip

By Lynn O'Rourke Hayes  
FamilyTravel.com

In the ever-evolving world of travel, using a travel professional to decode your family vacation options can pay dividends. Here are ideas to consider:

**Is it travel time?** In the current era, keeping track of changing requirements and potential restrictions can be mind-boggling. This is where a travel agent can

become a valuable member of your family's travel planning team. The pros are up to date on the latest documentation requirements, closures and health-related recommendations. They can get to know your family's needs, discuss budgets and bucket lists and offer suggestions for trips that fit your current comfort levels. Then, they'll use their experience and skills to make even the most complicated itinerary your vacation reality.

**Choose a specialist:** If you are eager to visit a Disney resort; understand the evolving nature of the cruise world; visit a ski resort or explore a specific city, country or region, using an agent with that specialty can pay big dividends. Those pros can sort through the long list of cruise lines for the brand that best matches your travel expectations. They'll know how to book the best cabins and sort through meals and activities.

**Travel is educational:** A good agent can help incorporate travel into your family's educational plan. With more families learning and working from home, a good agent can help zero in on destinations and lodging options that can maximize your current lifestyle. Are you interested in adding literary or historical sites to your travel itineraries? Do you want more art, music and theater in the mix? A good agent can help create a plan.



A travel agent can discuss budgets and bucket lists and offer suggestions for trips that fit your comfort level. DREAMTIME

# Get flabbergasted in a Haarlem B&B



**Rick Steves**

I'm hanging out in the living room of my B&B in the Amsterdam suburb of Haarlem with my hosts Hans and Marjet.

Staying in a B&B saves money. As a bonus, I find that B&B hosts are often great students of intercultural human nature and love to share their findings. They give me an intimate glimpse of a culture I couldn't get from the front desk of a hotel.

This is certainly true of Hans and Marjet, who encourage guests to make themselves thoroughly at home. And in their living room, with its well-worn chairs, crowded books, funky near-antiques, and an upright piano littered with tattered music, it's easy to feel at home.

I'm Hans' pet Yankee. He's on a personal crusade to get me to relax, to slow down. To Hans, I am the quintessential schedule-driven, goal-oriented American.

Hans provides more insight into the cultural differences of their guests. "We Dutch are in the middle," he says. "We are efficient like the Germans — that's why there are many American companies here in Holland. But we want to live like the French."

"And crack jokes like the English," adds Marjet. "Everybody here admires the British sense of humor. We watch BBC for the comedies."

Hans sees cultural differences in their guests' breakfast manners, too. "Americans like hard advice and to be directed. Europeans — especially the Germans — they know what they want. The French take three days to



Market Square in Haarlem, a suburb of Amsterdam. **RICK STEVES EUROPE**

defrost. But Americans talk and make friends quickly.

Europeans, even with no language differences, keep their private formal island at the breakfast table."

Pointing to their two kitchen tables, he continues. "If there are Germans sitting here and Americans there, I break the ice. Introducing the Americans to the Germans, I say, 'It's OK, they left their guns in the States.' We Dutch are like the Germans — but with a sense of humor."

"Thankfully, we get mostly Americans staying in our B&B," says Hans.

"We'd be happy to fill our house with only Americans," says Marjet.

"Americans are easy

to communicate with.

They're open. They taught me to express myself, to say what I really think."

Hans breaks in with a Tony the Tiger tourist imitation, "Oh wow, this is grrreat! What a grrreat house you have here!"

"Americans get flabbergasted," Marjet adds.

"The English don't know how to be flabbergasted," says Hans.

Marjet says, "When we visited Colorado, my trip went better when I learned to say 'wow' a couple of times a day."

Curling comfortably in the corner of the sofa, tucking her legs under her small body, Marjet explains,

"When an American asks,

"How are you?" we say, 'OK,'

to mean 'good.' The Amer-

ican says, 'That doesn't sound very good.' We explain, 'We're European.'"

Hans says, "Then the American replies, 'Oh, yes — you're honest.'"

Fascinated by the smiley-face insincerity of America, Marjet says, "In the U.S., even supermarket shopping bags have big 'smile and be a winner' signs."

"It's true," I agree. "Only in America could you find a bank that fines tellers if they don't tell every client to 'Have a nice day.'"

Hans says, "Did you know that the Dutch are the most wanted workers at Disneyland Paris? This is because most Dutch are open-minded. We can smile all day. And we speak our languages."

Marjet explains, "In Holland when someone asks, 'Do you speak your languages?' they mean: Do you speak French, German, and English, along with Dutch?"

Hans continues, "And for us, acting friendly is maybe less exhausting than for the French. Can you imagine a French person having to smile all day long?"

Hans tops off my glass of Heineken. "God created all the world. It was marvelous. But France ... it was just too perfect. So he put in the French to balance things out."

"And Canada could have

had it all: British culture,

French cuisine, American

know-how," says Marjet.

"But they messed up and

got British food, French know-how, and American culture."

As I climb the steep Dutch stairs to my bedroom in the loft, I ponder the value of friends on the road. And I'm thankful that Europeans seem to enjoy being flabbergasted at how friendly we are. Remember, with the right attitude, the most memorable moments of your day will often come long after the sightseeing is finished.

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## CELEB TRAVELER

### Williams can't wait to revisit Montreal

**By Jae-Ha Kim**

Tribune Content Agency

Working on an album during a pandemic can be challenging, but singer-songwriter Dar Williams said it all worked out fine. "Luckily, ('I'll Meet You Here') was mostly in the can before the pandemic," said the New York-based musician. "I did overdubs in an isolated room with people in masks looking at me through the other side of the Plexiglas — a little like the boy in the bubble." Williams is currently on tour supporting her latest album. For the latest updates on her concerts, check out her website (<https://darwilliams.com/concerts/>).

#### Q: How has traveling around the world impacted your artistry?

A: Every region offers a different palette and world of metaphors. They have all shown up in my songs. I have songs called "Iowa," "New York is a Harbor," "Southern California Wants to Be Western New York" and a new one called "Berkeley." Also, after all these years on the road, I love prairies, mountain towns, desert parks and coastal cities so much. Sometimes, I think I keep writing songs so that I have an excuse to keep visiting (these places).

#### Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: I can't wait to get back to Montreal. I love staying near the Old City, getting croissants and coffee at Olive et Gourmande and walking to the Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal or to the Musée d'art contemporain.



Musician Dar Williams said she is looking forward to traveling to Costa Rica and Copenhagen one day. **EBRU YILDIZ**

porain de Montreal — two of my favorite museums in the world. At night, I walk up toward the street where "So Long, Marianne" was written and give a nod to the giant mural of Leonard Cohen on Crescent Street.

#### Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?

A: I remember my parents brought us to New York City and did their best to make it exciting for us, despite the schlepping. They kept a brisk pace through the Metropolitan and the Guggenheim Museum, took us to a hibachi restaurant and told us to look for the Little Red Lighthouse on the way in and out on the Henry Hudson Parkway. These trips gave me a lifelong love of all cities, but I'm sure I managed to complain while we were there. Parents, don't give up!

#### Q: Do you speak any foreign languages?

A: I speak French and that's why I love going to Quebec. I finally started learning Spanish and I'm excited to see how it helps me rediscover the places I already love, like New York City, Los Angeles and

Albuquerque.

#### Q: What would be your dream trip?

A: I would love to take a very slow boat trip from Homer, Alaska, through Ketchikan and Sitka, then to the islands off of British Columbia, then to Vancouver — stopping at the Museum of Anthropology — going down to Bainbridge Island (in western Washington) and ending with a day at the Seattle Art Museum and dinner at Wild Ginger. Someday.

#### Q: What kind of research do you do before you go away on a trip?

A: If I weren't a traveling musician, I'd love to be a travel agent. I try to find hotels where I can park once and walk around for days. And it's also really fun to listen to audiobooks that take place in places where I'm traveling, like (books by) Edward Abbey in Utah, Tony Hillerman in New Mexico, and Zora Neale Hurston in Florida. I love adding the fourth dimension of time travel to any trip I take.

For more from the reporter, visit [www.jaehakim.com](http://www.jaehakim.com).

## TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

### Still waiting for a refund on canceled Air Portugal flight

**By Christopher Elliott**  
King Features Syndicate

**Q:** In the summer of 2019, I booked seven round-trip tickets from Miami to Budapest on TAP Air Portugal through Expedia. I planned to fly to Europe the following spring with my husband, my two daughters, my mother and my two cousins. In March of 2020, a week or so before our scheduled departure, TAP Air Portugal canceled our flight because of COVID-19. I waited a few months before doing anything, since I got an automated email about flight credit. And who knew when the world would open up again? Eventually, time passed, life circumstances changed and I knew that the seven of us would not be able to take that trip to Budapest anytime in the near future. So I began the process of trying to get a refund. It's been a year since I asked for a refund, and there's still no refund from either Expedia or TAP Air Portugal. When I try to check my refund process, it either doesn't have anything in the system or still shows a credit. I am exhausted from having to go back and forth between the two. Anything you can do to help me would be so much appreciated.

— Sandra Einhorn, Hollywood, Fla.

A: TAP Air Portugal should have refunded your flights promptly since it canceled them. But like several airlines during the pandemic, it didn't.

Instead, it offered a ticket credit, which EU regulators eventually said was not allowed.

Under existing EU rules, an airline must offer either a full refund or a credit for a canceled flight, no matter the reason for the cancellation.

The correspondence between you, TAP Air Portugal and Expedia is pretty confusing. It looks like Expedia believed TAP had resolved your case because you had asked TAP Air Portugal directly for a refund, so Expedia closed your case. And, as

is so often the case, no one was willing to take responsibility for your missing refund.

You might have asked for your money back a little sooner. It looks as if you waited several months to start the process. The longer you wait, the harder it becomes to get your money back. That's just a general rule when it comes to my consumer advocacy. Waiting only benefits the company that already has your money.

You also could have reached out to executives at both companies. I list the names, numbers and email addresses of the customer service managers at Expedia on my consumer advocacy site at [elliott.org/company-contacts](http://elliott.org/company-contacts) and [elliott.org/help](http://elliott.org/help).

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## CELEBRITIES

## Emmanuel: Message of unity in film

By Peter Sblendorio

New York Daily News

Nathalie Emmanuel believes her new movie about safe-cracking thieves unlocks the right combination of complex characters and a wide-reaching story.

The British actor stars in "Army of Thieves" as one of the likable bandits who come together to break into three intricate vaults mythologized for being practically impenetrable.

The film is a prequel to Zack Snyder's recent zombie flick, "Army of the Dead," released in May. Emmanuel appreciates how the new movie again features an international cast of characters.

"There's people from all over the world, from all different places and different backgrounds, and I think that it's so easy to connect into that," Emmanuel said.

"The apocalyptic, zombie thing, and there's all these different people trying to negotiate it, and they just have to work together to survive. ... I think that's also true in our little movie," she said. "Even though it's a completely different genre, we all have to work together."

The movie, now on

Netflix, is set at the beginning of a zombie outbreak in Las Vegas, offering a

distraction as the thieves begin their high-stakes

mission in Europe.

Emmanuel, 32, portrays

the sleek, pick-pocketing

jewelry thief Gwendoline,

who recruits Ludwig

Dieter to be her team's

expert safe cracker.

"I really am drawn to

women who are exceptional in my characters,"

said Emmanuel, who also

played handmaiden and

interpreter Missandei on

HBO's "Game of Thrones."

"I always love women

who have a mad skill or

are really smart or have

something really impres-



Actor Nathalie Emmanuel plays jewelry thief Gwendoline in "Army of Thieves," now on Netflix. JON KOPALOFF/GETTY 2020

sive about them. What was also great about (Gwendoline), though, is that she was very layered and had a lot of vulnerability, and much more to her than maybe is immediately sort of evident."

The character of Dieter, who was featured in "Army of the Dead," is again portrayed by Matthias Schweighofer, who also directed "Army of Thieves." Snyder is a producer on the new film and co-created the story with screenwriter Shay Hatten.

Emmanuel saw similarities between her new film and the "Fast & Furious" movies, in which she portrays the hacker Ramsey.

"I'm also a part of another franchise that has this whole team dynamic, and we have our leader who we sort of all really look up to and respect, and we have this sort of

family setting in a way," Emmanuel said. "But this family was a little more dysfunctional, a little bit less connected in the way that the 'Fast' movies tend to be."

The film delves into Gwendoline's back story, which Emmanuel believes makes her character easy to root for on her bank-robbing journey.

"There's something about going for those big establishments, those big systems of power, like banks," Emmanuel said.

**Nov. 7 birthdays:** Actor Barry Newman is 83. Actor Dakin Matthews is 81. Singer Johnny Rivers is 79. Singer Joni Mitchell is 78. Actor Christopher Knight is 64. Actor Julie Pinson is 54. Actor Michelle Clunie is 52. Actors Jason and Jeremy London is 49. Actor Yunjin Kim is 48. Rapper Tinie Tempah is 33. Singer Lorde is 25.



## ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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## Faulty corrections call out for correcting

**Dear Amy:** This holiday season, my cousin and his wife will visit after five or six years. He and I are close but the wife, apparently an introvert, enjoys her own space, which is fine. The times we have been together she is always on devices, also fine. However, she has an annoying habit of "fact-checking" everything anyone says. It really grates on me.

I am a retired editor who did this for a living, but now I keep my mouth shut unless consulted.

How can this be handled without causing hurt feelings? I think it is rude and inconsiderate. She has no clue about sourcing, and her comments often are inaccurate.

— *Corrected to Death*

**Dear Corrected:** I've passed your query along to my longtime editor, Tracy Clark. In addition to saving me from my own errors "on the regular," Tracy is the award-winning author of a wonderful series of crime novels, all set in her hometown of Chicago. Her latest is: "Runner (A Chicago Mystery)" (Kensington, 2021).

Here's Tracy's response: "Be strong, my friend. The Fraternal Order of Fact-checking Editors Who Must Tick-a-Lock to Save Christmas (FOFEW-MTSC) sees you. We feel your pain."

We are the ones who drive past a highway billboard, see a comma in the wrong place, and lament the fact that we cannot fix it.

We are the ones who stand in the '15 items or less' line in the grocery store rolling our eyes in aggrieved silence.

And you are the one who must smile and nod at your cousin's wife when she swears up and down that the Yalta Conference took place in the spring of 1944, not the winter of '45.

In short, in the words of the immortal bard, Elsa, you must simply 'Let it go.'

No good can come from arguing with the woman.

You've laid down your blue pencil. You don't see a podiatrist examining every foot at a family christening, do you? No, you do not.

When your cousin's wife starts up, go for another cheese ball, or hum 'White Christmas.'

Breathe, dear Corrected, and smile. The FOFEW-MTSC is with you. Be secure in the knowledge that you have survived Christmas ... correctly."

**Dear Amy:** Many people have anguished over how to respond to those facing cancer. I am now facing cancer, myself.

I appreciate receiving positive vibes, prayers, "... You've got this," etc., from friends, family and medical professionals. Encouragement definitely has a place.

But it would also be helpful to let me be scared, and to be scared with me from time to time.

Sometimes the positivity spin feels dismissive. To me, it can also seem like an overreaction to a situation that has many ups and downs. Love and positive intentions from people are good, but I wish that people would let us share what we are feeling without trying to gloss over it.

It's cancer, and it could end in death. Please don't liken it to a root canal!

— *Responding to Cancer*

**Dear Responding:** I'll toss another response onto the pile: "My cousin/sister-in-law/college room-mate's brother had that, and it's no big deal."

Oftentimes, the best response to another person's tough news is to say, "I'm so sorry. That sounds tough. How are you doing with it?"

I agree completely that it can be a relief for someone to respond to your own sadness by expressing their own sadness about it — as long as you don't end up having to comfort the other person through your own trauma.

Thank you for offering this helpful advice; I wish you all the very best.

**Dear Amy:** My husband and I faced the same dilemma as "Decluttered," the parents who were overwhelmed with too many gifts for their children.

We asked our extended family members to consider giving each child one gift per occasion. If they wanted to do more, they could contribute to savings accounts we had started for them.

We eventually turned these into investment accounts. The one stipulation before they got control of the funds was to attend a financial money management class.

— *Been There*

**Dear Been There:** A great gift, made more beautiful because it was from the entire family.

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## HOROSCOPES

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## Aries (March 21-April 19)

When the world seems unfair, it's important to look for the helpers. In any given situation, there's usually a good soul who offers comfort and wisdom, and today, you could be that person. It may be especially rewarding to support someone.

## Taurus (April 20-May 19)

It may be tempting to get revenge on someone. Instead of giving in to this desire, though, let your strong emotions motivate you to do something good right now. Sharing your resources with a loved one who is struggling could allow you to see things in a whole new light.

## Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You might be stuck between a rock and a hard place when it comes to an important choice today. If you're unhappy with the options you're being offered, take a few steps back and survey the situation. The best choice may be to leave whatever environment is forcing this.

## Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You may feel self-conscious in an unfamiliar setting. Rather than fretting over what you assume people think of you, try to take some deep breaths and listen to what's actually being said — and what isn't. Focusing on body language could help you learn something.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** Contrary to what you might think, there is such a thing as negative attention, Leo. Resist your typical temptation to take center stage because doing so could get you in trouble today. If you want to make the best impression possible on a new public or professional connection, make an effort.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Your family could be causing tension for you at this time, but worrying about erratic relatives or the expectations of family members won't do you any favors. Try to base your behavior on what works best for you rather than what you're told you should do.

## Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

You might need to have a conversation today about a mistake you made recently, even if you'd rather not mention it. Hiding the truth about what happened would be cause for regret in the long run, and you may actually be surprised by how trivial the situation turns out.

## Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

A clumsy encounter today could leave you feeling embarrassed, but it's probably less of an issue than you fear. Believe it or not, people often find occasional awkwardness charming and relatable. Literally nobody is perfect, so remember this whenever you feel on the spot.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You could be so intent on getting your own way today that you lose sight of other people's needs. It might be a good idea to check your calendar to make sure you haven't forgotten something important, like a gathering or a birthday. A quick phone call or text is better. Nurture these connections.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Being on the same wavelength as others might be difficult today. Forcing a connection with a certain person could just be a waste of your time and energy if it's a relationship that's not bringing much to your life. Instead, concentrate on unions that can actually yield fruit.

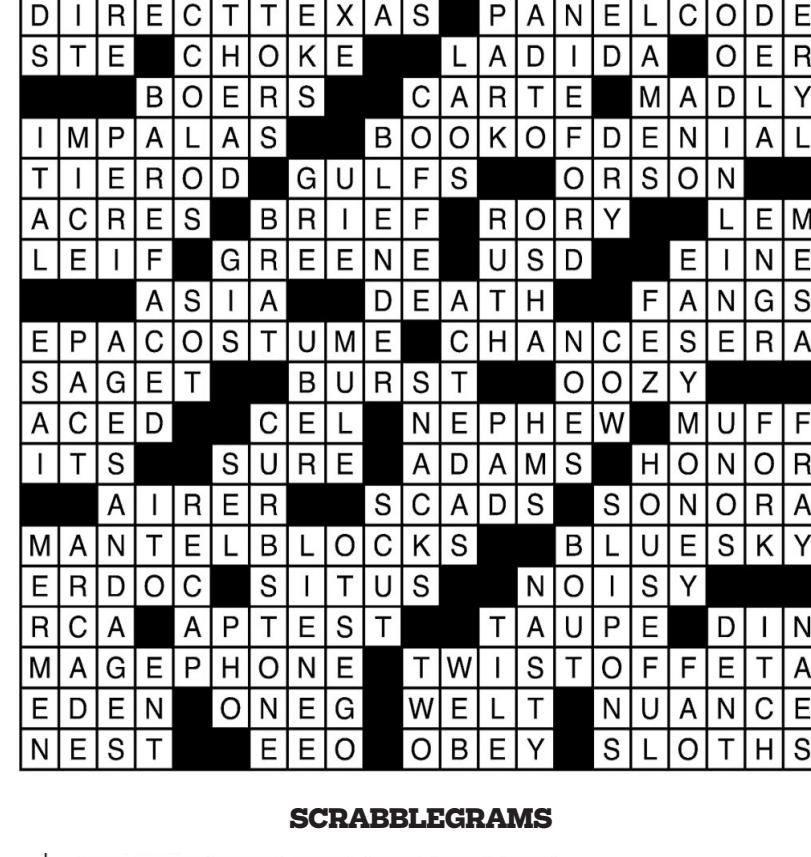
## Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

A glorious opportunity to forge your own identity is on the horizon. This might be particularly welcome if you've been feeling like a square peg in a round hole lately. While it's never easy to venture into unfamiliar territory, doing so is better than remaining stuck in an uncomfortable situation.

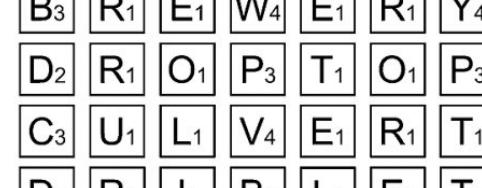
## Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):

Expressing your true feelings might not be an option now. This could make you feel like a hypocrite, but it's OK to adjust to what the people around you need, even if it's a little frustrating sometimes. Do your best to soothe yourself with the knowledge you're doing the best you can.

## LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



## SCRABBLEGRAMS



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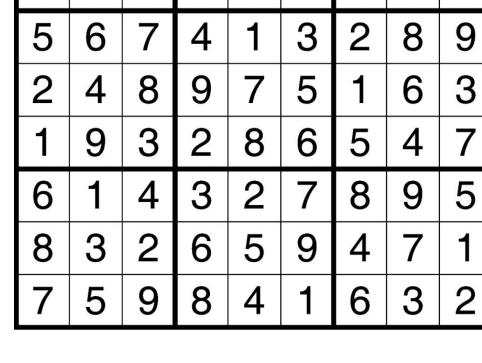
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## SUDOKU



## BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

TIN LEAD IRON  
GOLD ZINC SILVER  
SODIUM PLATINUM

JUMBLE  
AFLOAT ADJUST  
FRIGHT PAGODA  
FERRET THOUGH

After hearing the jokes,  
Sleepy Hollow's famous  
horseman —

LAUGHED HIS HEAD OFF

## TODAY



## Basement accommodations boast twin bed, dust, spiders



**Judith Martin**  
Miss Manners

**Dear Miss Manners:** Every other year, my husband and I travel to spend holidays with his side of the family. His father has a large home that is now an "empty nest" since all of the siblings are grown and have moved out. My FIL insists we stay at his home during these visits instead of a hotel.

The problem is, his home has become a museum to my husband's and his brothers' childhoods. Their bedrooms have been left untouched. My husband's childhood bedroom is in the basement and has naught but a twin bed, cobwebs and a thick layer of dust. The sheets are never washed when we arrive, and the room is cold, dirty and far from the nearest bathroom.

We have tried claiming we aren't paying for our hotel room (it's free with our credit card points!), but my FIL is a shrewd man and seems offended when we decline, insisting on knowing why we won't stay with him.

How can we explain without hurting his feelings? We've considered spending a few days on our next visit deep-cleaning the room and bringing a queen-sized inflatable bed and nice sheets, but it doesn't solve the problem of the room being in the cold basement, full of spiders and far from the bathroom.

**Gentle reader:** Being among family does not mean suspending normal manners. As your host, your father-in-law should expect to provide what

comfort he can when you visit.

But Miss Manners recognizes that there are times when even an impersonal chain hotel might seem like luxury compared to a room adorned with reminders of, and last cleaned during, the mid-1980s — spiders or not.

Your husband may remember from those years that there was some parental tolerance for not always keeping his room tidy. It is time to reciprocate that tolerance and care, a burden that you assumed when you married into the family. (Your husband will reciprocate when you visit your family.)

Talk to your father-in-law (or, better, have your husband talk to him) about what minimum upgrades are required, and, if necessary, assist him in making them. It will avoid the implied rudeness of not staying with him and give you something to talk about.

**Dear Miss Manners:** I have a boss who is a texter. At any time, I may get a text from him with a request or a correction of my work. I've gotten texts on picnic dates, while shopping and at the dentist, for starters.

I am hourly, not salaried. I have brought up the need for boundaries repeatedly, but not directly to my boss — the owner of the small company where I work.

Aside from scheduling, there is nothing I can do about most of the situations he texts me about if I am not at work. Eventually, I started blocking him as I clocked out and unblocking him as I clocked in, so that I'm only actually available during paid hours. But I'm worried about being considered delinquent for not responding. (He always expects a response.) What is your advice?

**Gentle reader:** That having virtually obliterated the physical workplace, we are desperately in need of a return to real work hours. Miss Manners suggests: "I am afraid that I am only available each week during the paid hours for which I am contracted. However, I would certainly be happy to discuss more extended, salaried employment if that is what you require." At which point, if he takes you up on it, you will still have to set parameters. But at least you will have been duly compensated.

**Dear Miss Manners:** My wife insists that cutting up over-easy eggs on my plate before eating them is borderline Neanderthal behavior. Is it? (Many people I know do it.)

**Gentle reader:** The pre-cutting of food should be generally reserved for those doing it on behalf of someone who might otherwise struggle or choke — the young, the infirm and apparently your Neanderthal friends.

Miss Manners does concede that everything after the initial ooze of the yolk is bound to be less satisfying, but chasing it around the plate with subsequent cuts should not be underestimated. It is also more proper.

**Dear Miss Manners:** I find the phrase "shut up" to be hostile, aggressive and just demoralizing. Are there any situations where it is OK to say it?

**Gentle reader:** "Shut up the house before the storm hits, Pa!"

*To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.*

## Rant about removable cups spurs more questions on bras



**Ellen Warren**  
Answer Angel

*After my rant about the flimsy removable foam cups that fit into slots in some bras, I was swamped with more bra complaints. Here goes...*

**Dear Answer Angel Ellen:** Any solution to bra straps that slip off your shoulders?

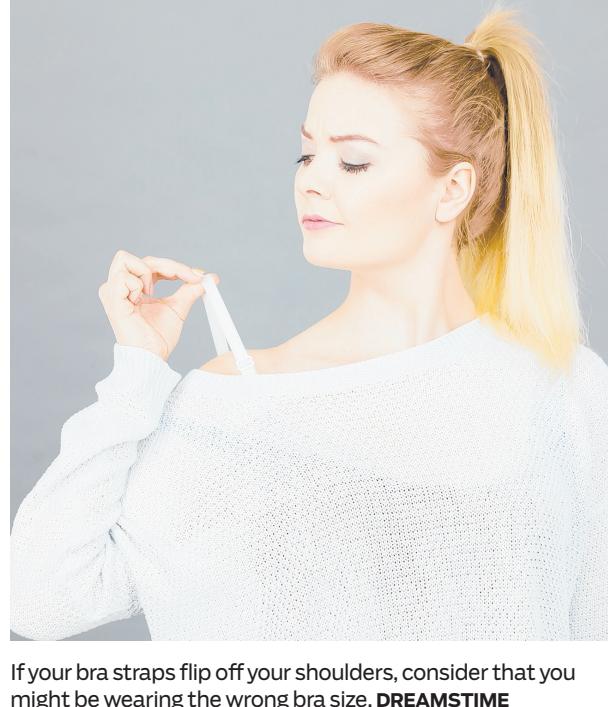
— Sher C.

**Dear Sher:** Lots. But first, consider you might be wearing the wrong bra size. Is the band too big? If it rides up, that could be why the straps are slipping off your shoulders. Also the bra style might be your problem.

As for solutions, I found four priced at under \$5 on Amazon.com. (Search for "bra straps slipping".) Starting at \$2.11 are silicone pads you slip under your bra strap that keep them in place but also cushion your shoulder. For under \$3 is an adjustable elastic that attaches in the back to both straps, pulling them closer together.

Starting at \$3.95 for 12, try plastic clips that are designed to convert a regular bra to a racer back configuration and also stop the slipping. Finally, shoulder strap "retainers" have been around for decades. They snap on to your bra strap and you safety pin them to your clothing, starting at \$4.04.

**Dear Answer Angel Ellen:** I totally agree about how maddening those pads are! Why do manufacturers think they are such a great idea? Let's ask readers if anyone knows of any sports bras that have sewn-in pads like in the



If your bra straps flip off your shoulders, consider that you might be wearing the wrong bra size. **DREAMTIME**

old days?

— Judy S.

**Dear Judy:** Done! Readers, please help Judy — and many other frustrated women I've heard from on this topic. Send me your recommendations (including detailed info like model numbers, etc.).

*And one fan of the slots for removable pads:*

**From Mary M.:** "On the flip side, for breast cancer survivors, I am so happy now that many bra manufacturers include these openings for pads. With one in eight women diagnosed with breast cancer at some time during their lives, it's a step forward for those who need it. It is wonderful to not have to buy special bras my prosthetic form slides into."

as well as environmental impact. I've made some great finds, and even bought some things I've loved, owned previously and worn out. I've noticed that literally every item I buy that says it's New With Tags (NWT) may not be. I'm wondering if anyone else has noticed this? There's only one tag, sometimes pretty beat-up and to me it appears it was reattached. I'm assuming it's not that hard to reattach tags and I even get why people might retag something, believing they'd get a higher price if it's sold as 'new.' Unless it doesn't fit, I usually keep the item if it truly looks new or almost new. But I wish people would be truthful about it. Is this a thing or am I wrong?"

### Now it's your turn

*Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangelellen@gmail.com.*

#### MY PET WORLD

## Finding cat-proof fencing to keep them in your yard

**By Cathy M. Rosenthal**  
Tribune Content Agency

**Dear Cathy:** I called our local pet store and asking about a cat-proof fence panel and was told it is not something in their inventory. Do you have any suggestions for retailers who might carry this product?

— David, Orlando, Fla.

**Dear David:** You are a great neighbor for wanting to keep your cats in your yard. This is not only safer for your felines, but respectful of your neighbors who may not be into cats. Unfortunately, these items aren't usually available at retail stores.

If you go online, however, and type in "where to find cat-proof fencing," you will find many options. Read the reviews from the people who have used these products, so you can determine what might be best for your particular feline. Basically, there are three primary ways you can cat-proof your fence.

The first is adding a roller bar to the top of the fence. These are repurposed coyote bars meant to keep coyotes out of a fenced area. The idea is the cat won't be able to maintain a grip while trying to jump or climb over the fence. There are do-it-yourself videos and commercial products you can install yourself. The second is adding a fence topper or netting extension. All these products work fairly well, but if you have a raised bed or tool shed where a cat can come at it at a different angle, they may figure out a workaround. So, take into

consideration your cat's motivation to get out of the yard when considering your options. Please note these options keep your cats from getting out of the yard but does not guarantee predators won't find a way in.

The third and safest option is a catio (screened-in area) or a cat



Keeping your cat in your backyard is not only safer for your felines, but respectful of your neighbors who may not be into cats. **AYNUR SHAUERMAN/DREAMTIME**

tent, which keeps your cat in an enclosed space, but allows them the opportunity to enjoy fresh air. Make sure your cat has access to water and a litter box if they will be in a catio or cat tent for more than 30 minutes.

Finally, if your cats are going outdoors, make sure they are on flea and tick preventatives.

**Dear Cathy:** I have an 8-year-old Shih Tzu. He is a walker, stopping at 12 to 15 poles and walking eight to 10 blocks twice a day before he decides to poop. I would like for him to go into the

backyard on rainy and snowy days, but there are no trees in my backyard. Is it too late to convert him to poop in the yard? It would save me from walking in bad weather.

— Norman, Plainview, New York

**Dear Norman:** Start by teaching your dog to poop on command. As soon as he starts to pee or poop during your walks, say "go potty," and then follow it with a reward word, like "Bingo," and a high value treat for doing it. Repeat this every time he urinates or poops during the walk. When

you know he understands the phrase, begin telling him to "go potty" before he indicates he has to go to see if he will follow your command. If he associates it with the high value treat, he should do it.

After about two weeks of him obeying this command while on your walks, take him into your backyard when you know he has to relieve himself and while on a leash (since he is used to relieving himself while tethered to you) and give him the command as you walk him around the yard. Then wait for him to go potty. When he urinates

or poops, use your reward word, and give him a high value treat. If he doesn't "go potty" on command after 10 minutes, bring him into the house for 20 minutes and then take him back out again, and repeat this process until he goes.

From this point forward, take him into the yard on a leash and give the command BEFORE you go for your walk. Once he relieves himself, take him on a walk as a reward.

Once he gets the hang of going on command on a leash, you can let him into the yard without the leash and give him the command

from your back door, and he should go. Always give him the reward word and treat when he does to continually reinforce this behavior, since this is a new behavior for him.

As for your barren backyard, add a few potted plants, so he has something to urinate on.

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# Seniors decry health care providers' age bias

Older adults often encounter prejudice and discrimination

By Judith Graham

Kaiser Health News

Joanne Whitney, 84, a retired associate clinical professor of pharmacy at the University of California, San Francisco, often feels devalued when interacting with health care providers.

There was the time several years ago when she told an emergency room doctor that the antibiotic he wanted to prescribe wouldn't counteract the kind of urinary tract infection she had.

He wouldn't listen, even when she mentioned her professional credentials. She asked to see someone else, to no avail. "I was ignored, and finally I gave up," said Whitney, who has survived lung cancer and cancer of the urethra and depends on a special catheter to drain urine from her bladder. (An outpatient renal service later changed the prescription.)

Then, earlier this year, Whitney landed in the same emergency room, screaming in pain, with another urinary tract infection and a severe anal fissure. When she asked for Dilaudid, a powerful narcotic that had helped her before, a young physician told her, "We don't give out opioids to people who seek them. Let's just see what Tylenol does."

Whitney said her pain continued unabated for eight hours.

"I think the fact I was a woman of 84, alone, was important," she said. "When older people come in like that, they don't get the same level of commitment to do something to rectify the situation. It's like 'Oh, here's an old person with pain. Well, that happens a lot to older people.'"



Whitney's experiences speak to ageism in health care settings, a long-standing problem that's getting new attention during the COVID-19 pandemic, which has killed more than half a million Americans age 65 and older.

Ageism occurs when people face stereotypes, prejudice or discrimination because of their age. The assumption that all older people are frail and helpless is a common, incorrect stereotype. Prejudice can consist of feelings such as "older people are unpleasant and difficult to deal with." Discrimination is evident when older adults' needs aren't recognized and respected or when they're treated less favorably than younger people.

In health care settings, ageism can be explicit. An example: plans for rationing medical care ("crisis standards of care") that specify treating

younger adults before older adults. Embedded in these standards is a value judgment: Young peoples' lives are worth more because they presumably have more years left to live.

In other instances, ageism is implicit. Dr. Julie Silverstein, president of the Atlantic division of Oak Street Health, gives an example of that: doctors assuming older patients who talk slowly are cognitively compromised and unable to relate their medical concerns. If that happens, a physician may fail to involve a patient in medical decision-making, potentially compromising care, Silverstein said. Oak Street Health operates more than 100 primary care centers for low-income seniors in 18 states.

Nearly 20% of Americans age 50 and older say they have experienced discrimination in health care settings, which can

result in inappropriate or inadequate care, according to a 2015 report. One study estimates that the annual health cost of ageism in America, including over- and undertreatment of common medical conditions, totals \$63 billion.

Nubia Escobar, 75, wishes doctors would spend more time listening to older patients' concerns. This became an urgent issue two years ago when her longtime cardiologist in New York City retired and a new physician had trouble controlling her hypertension.

Alarmed that she might faint or fall because her blood pressure was so low, Escobar sought a second opinion. That cardiologist "rushed me — he didn't ask many questions, and he didn't listen. He was sitting there talking to and looking at my daughter," she said.

It was Veronica Escobar, an elder law attorney, who accompanied her mother to that appointment. She remembers the doctor being abrupt and constantly interrupting her mother.

They were very upset and told him, "We don't want to talk about this, but he wouldn't let up. They wanted a doctor who would help them live, not figure out how they're going to die."

The Palents didn't return and instead joined another medical practice, where a young doctor barely looked at them after conducting cursory examinations, they said. That physician failed to identify a dangerous staphylococcus bacterial infection on Ed's arm, which was later diagnosed by a dermatologist. Again, the couple felt overlooked, and they left.

Now they're with a concierge physician's practice that has made a sustained effort to get to know them.

"It's the opposite of ageism: It's 'We care about you, and our job is to help you be as healthy as possible for as long as possible,'" Bischoff said. "It's a shame this is so hard to find."

## DREAMTIME

### PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

## Turmeric helped postpone hip replacement surgery

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.

King Features Syndicate

**Q: I was suffering from arthritis when I read your column about the value of turmeric. I bought some at the local pharmacy to take, and the pain went away almost at once. Consequently, I put off the hip replacement that my doctor was only too eager to schedule.**

**A: A man from India owns my neighborhood gas station. When he asked me what I did to be able to walk so much better, I told him about the turmeric. Later, a lady who works at the pharmacy told me that suddenly four people had come in to get turmeric there. Can you tell me anything more about it?**

**A:** Turmeric and its active ingredient curcumin are familiar to practitioners of centuries-old healing practices such as Ayurvedic medicine. Over the past few decades, scientists have been considering the anti-inflammatory properties of these compounds. One review of clinical trials in people with osteoarthritis found that those taking curcumin had less pain and better quality of life (Drug Design, Development and Therapy, Sept. 20, 2016). They also used less pain medication.

**Q: I have heard for years that calcium tablets go through your system without ever dissolving and therefore do no good. Is there a liquid calcium on the market that might be better absorbed in my body?**

**A:** Some calcium tablets are poorly formulated and



Turmeric may have anti-inflammatory properties that helped one reader who was suffering from arthritis. DREAMTIME

don't dissolve well. As a consequence, you can't absorb the nutrient from them effectively.

Others, however, work well. ConsumerLab.com, which tests many supplements, has found that liquid calcium citrate (Bluebonnet) is absorbed well and makes a reasonable calcium supplement. It is less likely to pose a choking hazard for people who have trouble swallowing large tablets.

**Q: I have had a chronic dry cough for years. Workups with allergists, pulmonologists and even a gastroenterologist have not turned up the cause. Pulmonary function tests have ruled out asthma or COPD.**

**M**y prescriptions include metformin, glimepiride, simvastatin and losartan. The latest is Singulair for the cough, but it hasn't helped.

**D**o you have any ideas? I'm feeling rather desperate.

**A:** Most doctors know that ACE inhibitor blood pressure medicines like lisinopril can cause a

persistent cough. They may not pay attention to a drug like losartan, an angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB), because they perceive it as unlikely to trigger cough. Research in rabbits does show that losartan is less likely than lisinopril to cause a cough (Journal of Physiology and Pharmacology, April 2013).

Nonetheless, this does seem to be a possible, though less common, side effect of losartan. Other readers have reported cough when taking an ARB, and the official prescribing information notes: "Cases of cough, including positive re-challenges, have been reported with the use of losartan in postmarketing experience."

We don't know if losartan is causing your cough. However, it would make sense to ask your doctor if you could try a blood pressure medication that is neither an ACE inhibitor nor an ARB.

**In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via [www.peoplestharmacy.com](http://www.peoplestharmacy.com).**

## Q&A

## How lung restoration can improve organ availability

Mayo Clinic

**Q: I was reading about lung restoration and innovation in the field of lung transplantation. Can you share more about this?**

**A:** Over the past several years, devices outside the body have been used to evaluate human lungs donated for organ transplant before the lungs are transplanted. In the future, lung restoration may increasingly be used to treat donated lungs to make them healthier, so they could be viable for a transplant. The Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of a device known as the Xyvo Perfusion System with Steen Solution Perfusate, which is being used at Mayo Clinic in Florida, in a model constructed to make organs available regionally. Other systems are being investigated.

A lung transplant can be a lifesaving procedure for people with serious lung diseases, such as pulmonary hypertension, emphysema, pulmonary fibrosis, bronchiectasis or cystic fibrosis. But the number of lungs available for transplant consistently falls far short of the number of people waiting for a lung transplant.

In addition to a shortage of donors, in many cases, the lungs of those who have volunteered to be organ donors are not suitable for transplant. Statistics show that about 80% of all the lungs available for transplant are deemed not suitable for transplantation. That means only about 20% of donated lungs are transplanted.

To combat this problem, researchers have been investigating the potential of lung restoration over the past decade. In research



studies, this approach appears to show promise in helping health care providers better assess the health of donated lungs and possibly improve the function of some donated lungs to the point that they could be suitable for a transplant.

Better assessment of donated lungs is crucial because in some cases, it is difficult to tell if the lungs may be healthy enough for a transplant. In these borderline situations, the lungs may not be used for transplant.

Through lung restoration, however, donated lungs can be removed from a deceased donor, preserved and attached to a ventilator outside the body. Blood or a blood substitute is circulated through the lungs, and the lungs are tested for circulation and airway pressure to see if they can be transplanted. In addition, samples can be taken from those lungs, and bronchoscopies and X-rays can be performed on them to assess their function further.

In the future, researchers are looking to take this process a step further and treat donated lungs to make them healthier. For

example, in some cases, the lungs may become flooded with fluid after a person dies — a condition called pulmonary edema. It is possible the excess fluid could be drawn out of the lung tissue after the lungs have been removed from the donor. Doing so could improve their function and make the lungs suitable for a transplant. It is also possible that marginal donor lungs could be treated to reverse lung injury, making them clinically viable for transplant.

As the technology for lung restoration advances, the hope is that it will considerably increase the number of lungs available for transplant. The need for organ donors always will be great, though, so if you haven't done so already, consider becoming an organ donor. Being an organ donor is a generous and worthwhile decision that can save lives.

— David Erasmus, M.D., Transplantation Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida

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# Katie Couric tells of feeling betrayed by ex-pal Lauer

In her memoir, former 'Today' co-host says she never knew of his 'dark side'

By David Bauder

Associated Press

NEW YORK — On a summer day in the Hamptons last year, Katie Couric and her husband, John Molner, went out for a walk and saw a familiar white Jeep drive by with Matt Lauer at the wheel.

No waves, no hellos.

Couric writes in her new memoir, "Going There," that she realized then that the television partners would never speak again.

Once the king and queen of morning television, Matt and Katie were regular "guests" in the homes of millions of Americans, delivering the news with friendly banter. Yet as the drive-by suggests, much can change in 20 years. Couric today is less visible after a series of jobs that didn't quite work out, while Lauer was fired from the "Today" show in 2017 after stories about sexual misconduct emerged.

Couric's book recounts in raw terms her difficulty processing what she learned about the man she worked beside on most weekday mornings from 1997 to 2006.

"I know Matt thinks I betrayed him, and that makes me sad," Couric writes. "But he betrayed me, too, by how he behaved behind closed doors at the show we both cared about so much."

Even to Couric, the news came as a shock. They didn't socialize much

outside the studio. One exception was a dinner two weeks before he was fired, where they kicked around ideas for a future project. She writes that "I felt closer to Matt that night than I had in all my years sitting next to him at the anchor desk."

In the book, Couric prints text messages that chronicle the disintegration of their relationship, from when she reached out following his firing to his unsuccessful effort to connect at 4 a.m. one day that week.

A turning point came when she heard about his alleged treatment of a young woman that she had brought to NBC.

"So many of us were blindsided, never imagining that a dashing, witty, beloved TV star had such a dark side," she writes. "I've come to realize that Matt could be an excellent professional partner, a good friend and a predator."

Lauer has said that he never assaulted anyone or forced anyone to have sex.

As an author, Couric "goes there" with plenty of sharp stories about those she's encountered along the way. There's the CNN executive who commented on her breasts, awkward encounters as a young reporter with Larry King and Neil Simon, and CBS News executives she feels wronged her.

Couric's biggest professional move was leaving "Today" for CBS News in



Katie Couric and Matt Lauer, co-hosts of the NBC's "Today" show from 1997 to 2006, introduce a segment of the show on Aug. 12, 2005, in New York. Couric recently released a new book, "Going There." RICHARD DREW/AP



**'Going There'**  
By Katie Couric; Little, Brown and Company, 528 pages, \$30

2006, to take over as anchor of the "CBS Evening News" and report for "60 Minutes." It proved disastrous.

"When someone said the stains on the carpet at NBC were coffee while the stains at CBS were blood, instead of chuckling, maybe I should have listened. ... I was so hell-bent on taking a stand for women, I didn't

consider the woman who would be at the center of the storm — me," she writes.

While Couric has harsh words for others, she's also unsparing in writing about her own mistakes, from an interview she'd like to have back with Elizabeth Edwards, the late wife of former Sen. John Edwards, to an unnecessary remodel of her CBS News office that earned her enemies. She's received pre-publication publicity for writing about her regrets in withholding a potentially damaging quote given to her by the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and her reluctance, in a competitive business, to help other women.

"Mentorship sometimes felt like self-sabotage," she writes.

Couric also tells of an embarrassing night downing shots at a disco where she got so sick she ended up in the hospital. She almost kept it a secret, until a contestant on "Jeopardy!"

told late host Alex Trebek that "I once did a flaming Statue of Liberty at a bar with Katie Couric!"

The heart of her book, including some of the most painful self-evaluations, comes in detailing the death of her husband, lawyer Jay Monahan, of colon cancer at age 42 in 1998.

She clearly has regrets and writes frankly about wishing they had gone to couple's therapy for help navigating through changes in their relationship brought on by her sudden fame at "Today."

In taking control of his fight against cancer, Couric said she kept from him some of the grimmest news about his prospects.

"Why was I so afraid to talk to Jay about the inevitable?" she writes. "Why weren't we straight with each other and admit that this was not solvable, not fixable, and that our story-book life together would end after just a few chapters? I remember thinking

I did not want to destroy the time Jay had left by admitting defeat, leaving him with little choice but to wait for death to take him. I think I was a coward."

His fight led her into cancer activism, including a colon cancer screening she did on "Today." She says she hopes the first line of her obituary identifies her as a tireless advocate for cancer awareness and research.

Couric raised their daughters, who watched their mom cycle through a series of ill-fated relationships in the public eye. She recalled being contacted for reaction from the media when one beau moved out of her apartment.

Now 64, she's settled down with Molner, with whom she runs a media company.

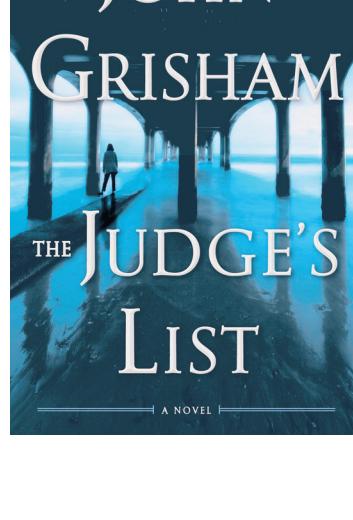
"It took me 16 long years and so many false starts," she writes, a reference to their 2014 wedding. "After all this time and all my searching, it felt like I had made my way home."

## NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

### HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "The Judge's List" by John Grisham (Doubleday)

Last week: 1



2. "Better Off Dead" by Lee Child and Andrew Child (Delacorte) Last week: —

3. "The Wish" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central) Last week: 2

4. "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles (Viking) Last week: 3

5. "State of Terror" by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Louise Penny (S&S and St. Martin's) Last week: 4

6. "Cloud Cuckoo Land" by Anthony Doerr (Scribner) Last week: 6

7. "Apples Never Fall" by Liane Moriarty (Holt) Last week: 7

8. "Forgiving Paris" by Karen Kingsbury (Atria) Last week: —

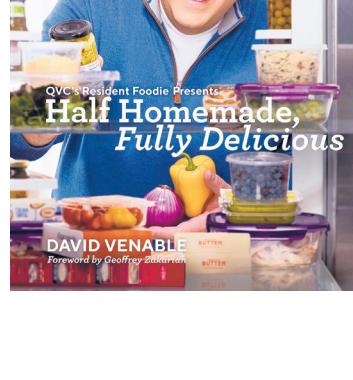
9. "Dear Santa" by Debbie Macomber (Ballantine) Last week: 5

10. "The Last Thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave (Simon & Schuster) Last week: 9

### HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "Half Homemade, Fully Delicious: An 'In the Kitchen with David' Cookbook from QVC's Resident Foodie" by David Venable (Ballantine)

Last week: —



2. "The Pioneer Woman Cooks Super Easy! 120 Shortcut Recipes for Dinners, Desserts, and More" by Ree Drummond (Morrow) Last week: 1

3. "Dungeons & Dragons: Fizban's Treasury of Dragons" (Wizards of the Coast) Last week: —

4. "Going There" by Katie Couric (Little, Brown) Last week: —

5. "Renegades: Born in the USA" by Barack Obama and Bruce Springsteen (Crown)

Last week: —

6. "Best Wishes, Warmest Regards: The Story of Schitt's Creek" by Daniel Levy and Eugene Levy (Black Dog & Leventhal) Last week: —

7. "Cravings: All Together: Recipes to Love: A Cookbook" by Chrissy Teigen (Clarkson Potter) Last week: —

8. "Not All Diamonds and Rosé: The Inside Story of The Real Housewives from the People Who Lived It" by Dave Quinn (Holt/Cohen) Last week: 8

9. "The Storyteller: Tales of Life and Music" by Dave Grohl (Dey Street) Last week: 3

10. "Hip-Hop (and Other Things)" by Shea Serrano and Arturo Torres (Twelve) Last week: —

## 2 big bosses — Springsteen, Obama — on America today

By Dorany Pineda  
Los Angeles Times

In 2008, an unlikely friendship began to flourish between a rock 'n' roll legend and an American politician. Barack Obama was campaigning to become the first Black president of the United States, and he invited Bruce Springsteen to perform a concert at a rally in Ohio.

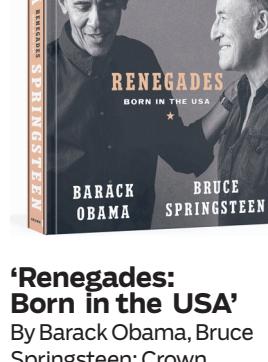
"I had wonderful experiences playing those rallies and those appearances with you," Springsteen tells Obama in "Renegades: Born in the USA," a collection of intimate and thoughtful conversations between the president and the Boss, which builds on the duo's eight-episode podcast series of the same name, released by Spotify earlier this year.

"Renegades" contains unpublished anecdotes along with more than 350 illustrations, photographs and historical documents, including copies of Springsteen's handwritten lyrics and marked-up drafts of the former POTUS' speeches.

Openly discussing race, music, masculinity, cultural appropriation and nothing less than the American dream, the pair come off as kind-hearted boomers — grateful for the changes that have marked their lifetimes but realistic about the limitations of their generation and the progress yet to come.

"(You) gave me something that I've never been able to give myself," Springsteen tells Obama in the book. "And that was the diversity that was in the audience. I was playing to white faces and Black faces, old people and young people. And that's the audience that I always dreamed of for my band."

Obama, too, marvels at how his audience has



**'Renegades: Born in the USA'**

By Barack Obama, Bruce Springsteen; Crown, 320 pages, \$30

evolved. Reflecting on last summer's police brutality protests set off by the killing of George Floyd, he says it's been "energizing" and made him "hopeful" to see young people on the frontlines of the movement for racial justice.

"In the '60s protest, it was a more limited band of young people who were getting involved," Obama says. "But what you're seeing — and it's sustaining itself — seems to be a change in attitude that is generational or generation-wide. I am encouraged by the willingness of young people to not only put themselves out there" but to ask themselves and their parents "hard questions. To look inward and not just outward."

The New Jersey hit-maker followed up with a question about how the former POTUS makes peace with America's contradictions — with the fact that "the same country that sent a man to the moon is the country of Jim Crow."

"I think that it is partly because we never went through a true reckoning," Obama responds, "and so we just buried one huge part of our experience and our citizenry in our minds."

Progress is stymied, he adds, in a country that

still struggles "to provide decent schooling for inner-city kids" — and one where "the resentments, the fears, the stereotypes, the tribal lines that are drawn out in our country remain very deep."

These were the kinds of divisions he had meant to bridge during his life in politics. Instead, five years after leaving office, Obama finds himself confronted with the limits of gradual change, as now-President Biden's grand agenda comes up against the hard realities of governing in 2021.

Springsteen has tried to bring awareness where he could — through music. Springsteen recalls the tumultuous reception of his song "American Skin (41 shots)," a response to the 1999 killing of Amadou Diallo, an unarmed immigrant from West Africa shot by New York City police officers in the vestibule of his apartment building.

The first time Springsteen performed the song, in June 2000 in Atlanta, "people mildly applauded," he recalls. But by the time he played it in New York's Madison Square Garden later that month, the band was on the front page of the New York Post. "(T)here was a lot of name-calling going on," he tells Obama.

Diallo's parents showed up and "were really lovely. But just as the band was starting to play the song, police officers rushed the stage. We took a lot of heat from the police for several years after that, which I always felt was a result of not really listening to the song."

It's just one anecdote in a broader conversation about the deep fissures of race, class and politics that — they have to admit — continued to grow despite their efforts.

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# SPORTS

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David Vogel, 98, is the oldest living New York Road Runner Club member. **HARTFORD COURANT**

## RUNNING

## Paving the way



**Lori Riley**

East Hartford's David Vogel, 98, helped lay out the 5-borough course for the New York City Marathon

EAST HARTFORD — The New York City Marathon will celebrate its 50th running on Sunday. East Hartford's David Vogel, who will be watching the race as a guest of the New York Road Runners Club, was there from the start.

Vogel, at 98 years old, is the oldest living charter member of the New York Road Runners, which started the iconic 26.2-mile race in 1970 in Central Park. The first time the race went through the city's five boroughs in 1976, Vogel helped lay out the course.

"In New York, we had to go to New England to run races," Vogel said. "They didn't have New York races until we started the New York Road Runners."

He was a runner for about 60 years, up until a few years ago.

"I've been very lucky because of running," said Vogel, who ran close to 100 marathons before he stopped 20 years ago. "If it wasn't for running, I'd be gone."

Vogel grew up in New York City on the Lower East Side with five brothers and sisters. He is the only surviving sibling. His father was a baker, and Vogel rarely saw him because he worked at night. His older brother, Sammy, who was an Olympic boxer in 1920, was a father figure to Vogel and took him to his first Yankee game in 1936, the first year Joe DiMaggio played, at age 13.

Vogel was always athletic, but he didn't start running until after he returned from World War II. He was working out when a friend approached him and told him he should try the sport. He ran the Boston Marathon for the first time in 1956.

He was one of 47 original members of the Road Runners Club-New York Association, organized in 1958 as a chapter of the Road Runners Club of America. Dues were \$3 a year. Ted Corbitt, the first Black American Olympic marathoner and an ultrarunner, was the co-founder of the organization and its first president.

The club organized seven races its first year, and on Feb. 22, 1959, it put on its first 26.2-miler, the Cherry Tree

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## UCONN BASKETBALL 2021-22

The Courant's preview of the upcoming UConn men's and women's teams continues with a look at the dynamic duo of Paige Bueckers and Azzi Fudd. **More coverage at courant.com/sports/uconn**

# The Arrival

*"They're like night and day. Oil and water. It's hilarious."*

— UConn assistant coach Morgan Valley

*"There's so much joy they exude when they're playing..."*

— Princeton coach Carla Berube



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- Breaking down this year's women's roster. **Page 4**
- A look at key nonconference games. **Page 5**
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UConn sophomore star Paige Bueckers, left, and newcomer Azzi Fudd look to form a formidable pairing for the Huskies. **STEVE SLADE/UCONN**

The Paige Bueckers-Azzi Fudd era at UConn is about to begin — and the rest of the college basketball world ought to watch out

**By Alexa Philippou**

Hartford Courant

**P**aise Bueckers and Azzi Fudd are both über-talented basketball phenoms, gold medalists and the closest of friends off the court. But in reality, they couldn't be more different.

Fudd, a shooting guard, is the quiet, reserved introvert and more of a thinker. Bueckers, meanwhile, is the outspoken point guard who, all in good fun, talks a big game, shows off her muscles and enjoys some good banter with her coach, Geno Auriemma.

"They're like night and day," said UConn assistant coach Morgan Valley, who works with the guards. "Oil and water. It's hilarious."

While their personalities diverge, their paths and their goals will intertwine for the next three seasons in Storrs, where they represent the brightest outlook for UConn women's basketball in years.

Between Bueckers' sensational freshman season, Fudd's exceptional career to this point and UConn's track record of turning burgeoning stars into some of the most illustrious champions the sport has ever seen, it's no shock that expectations for what three

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### Better together

Famous pairs in UConn women's basketball history:

**Jennifer Rizzotti and Rebecca Lobo:** UConn's first undefeated season and national title in 1995.

**Sue Bird and Diana Taurasi:** Combined four national titles in five years (2000, 2002-04), one shared undefeated season (2001-02).

**Maya Moore and Tina Charles:** Back-to-back undefeated seasons and national title runs in 2008-09 and 2009-10.

**Worth noting:** All six players received some type of player of the year award during their runs.

### Coming Monday

It's Dan Hurley's fourth season in Storrs. Is this the season where hope turns into expectations? Plus an expanded look at the men's roster, the key games and the complete schedule.

## GIANTS

# Teams deal with tragedy, COVID-19 issues

By Tom Canavan  
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Las Vegas Raiders and New York Giants are preparing to play Sunday with one dealing with tragedy and the other COVID-19 issues.

Coming off their bye week, the AFC West-leading Raiders (5-2) were stunned when wide receiver Henry Ruggs III was involved in a fatal car crash early Tuesday morning that killed a woman and her dog.

The 22-year-old player was released by the team hours later. Prosecutors say Ruggs was driving at 156 mph and had a blood-alcohol content twice Nevada's legal limit.

The crash came less than a month after Jon Gruden stepped down as coach because of disparaging emails he sent before being hired by the team in 2018.

"These are two totally different situations," Raiders quarterback Derek Carr said. "Some similar emotions, some very different emotions. But the message has to stay the same. Honestly, I don't want it to right now. If I'm selfish, I don't want it to. I want to say a lot of different things. But we have a game this week and I've got a job to do, and so do the guys in that locker room."

The Giants (2-6) have been dealing with COVID-19 issues since returning home Tuesday following a loss to the Chiefs on Monday night. Practices have been delayed and some coaches and players sent home and then told to come back because of numerous false positive test results.

Giants defensive lineman Leonard Williams said while it's unfortunate some players have been forced to miss practice, he said the team dealt with the same issues during the pandemic last season.

"Because we have experience, we know not to let that be a distraction," said Williams, who's tied for the team lead with 5 1/2 sacks.

While they have split their last two games, the Giants defense has played its best games the past two weeks. It will be in for another tough one against Carr and the Raiders' No. 2 ranked passing offense.

The Raiders are off to their best start since 2016 and interim coach Rich Bisaccia is looking for his third straight win since replacing Gruden. But Las Vegas has an NFL-worst 3-15 mark coming off the bye over the past 18 seasons and has been outscored by 20.5 points per game in losing the last four.

With Ruggs released, Zay Jones will get a much bigger opportunity as the starting

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## Today's games

**Raiders at Giants**

1 p.m., CBS

■ Inside: Reunion with Beckham could be perfect fit for receiver, Giants. **Page 7**

**Patriots at Panthers**

1 p.m., CBS

■ Inside: Game preview, capsule. **Page 7**



## Did you know?

Portable space heaters placed near flammable items (like furniture, curtains, clothing or towels), resulted in 53 percent of home-heating related fire deaths between 2010 and 2015.

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**SPORTS****UP NEXT**

**UConn football:** Clemson, Saturday, noon  
**Patriots:** at Panthers, Sunday, 1 p.m.

**Giants:** Raiders, Sunday, 1 p.m.

**Jets:** Bills, Nov. 14, 1 p.m.  
**UConn MBB:** Central (Gampel), Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Coppin State (XL Center), Saturday, noon; LIU (Gampel), Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m.

**UConn WBB:** Fort Hays State (Gampel, exhibition), Sunday, 1 p.m.; Arkansas (XL Center), Nov. 14, 1 p.m.; vs. Minnesota (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Nov. 20, noon

**Celtics:** Raptors, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Bucks, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; at Cavaliers, Saturday, 8 p.m.

**Knicks:** Cavaliers, Sunday, 6 p.m.; at 76ers, Monday, 7 p.m.; Bucks, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

**Nets:** at Raptors, Sunday, 3:30 p.m.; at Bulls, Monday, 8 p.m.; at Magic, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**UConn hockey:** Boston College, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Providence, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at UMass Lowell, Nov. 20, 6 p.m.

**Bruins:** Senators, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Oilers, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Devils, Saturday, 1 p.m.

**Rangers:** Panthers, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Blue Jackets, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Devils, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.

**Wolf Pack:** at Bridgeport, Sunday, 3 p.m.; at Springfield, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Providence, Saturday, 7 p.m.

**TV/RADIO****AUTO RACING**

**12:30 p.m.:** Formula 1 Racing Mexico City Grand Prix. (Live) ABC

**3 p.m.:** NASCAR Cup Series NASCAR Cup Series Championship. (Live) NBC

**10 p.m.:** Stadium Super Trucks. (Taped) CBSN

**11 p.m.:** Formula 1 Racing Mexico City Grand Prix. (Same-day Tape) ESPN2

**3 a.m.:** Stadium Super Trucks. (Taped) CBSN

**BASKETBALL**

**3:30 p.m.:** Nets at Raptors. (Live) YES.

**6 p.m.:** Cavaliers at Knicks. (Live) MSG.

**7 p.m.:** Spurs at Thunder. (Live) NBA

**EQUESTRIAN**

**3:30 p.m.:** Americas Day at the Races. (Live) FS1

**FOOTBALL**

**1 p.m.:** Regional Coverage. (Live) CBS FOX

**4 p.m.:** Chargers at Eagles. (Live) CBS

**4:25 p.m.:** Regional Coverage. (Live) FOX

**8:20 p.m.:** Titans at Rams. (Live) NBC

**GOLF**

**7 a.m.:** Portugal Masters, Final Round. (Same-day Tape) GOLF

**2 p.m.:** World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba, Final Round. (Live) GOLF

**6 p.m.:** TimberTech Championship, Final Round. (Same-day Tape) GOLF

**HOCKEY**

**3 p.m.:** Hartford Wolf Pack at Bridgeport Islanders. (Live), Radio: 1410

**7 p.m.:** Nashville Predators at Chicago Blackhawks. (Live)

SPRTNET

**10 p.m.:** Stars at Canucks. (Live) SPRTNET

**SOCCER**

**7 a.m.:** FA Womens Super League Tottenham Hotspur vs Manchester United. (Live) SPRTNET

**8:55 a.m.:** Fútbol Premier League (Live) TELE

**9 a.m.:** Premier League Soccer Everton vs Tottenham Hotspur. (Live) NBCSP

**9:30 a.m.:** Bundesliga Soccer Hertha Berlin vs Bayer 04 Leverkusen. (Live) SPRTNET

**11 a.m.:** Fútbol Premier League (Live) TELE

**11:30 a.m.:** Premier League Soccer West Ham United vs Liverpool. (Live) NBCSP

**1 p.m.:** Womens College: ACC Championship: Teams TBA. (Taped) ESPNU

**1:30 p.m.:** Womens College: Big East Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) FS1

**3 p.m.:** NWSL Soccer First Quarterfinal, Teams TBA. (Live) CBSN

**3:30 p.m.:** MLS Soccer New York Red Bulls at Nashville SC. (Live) ESPN

**5:55 p.m.:** Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (Live) UNI

**6 p.m.:** ACC Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) ACC

**6 p.m.:** MLS Soccer Minnesota United FC at LA Galaxy. (Live) FS1

**8 p.m.:** ACC Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) ACC

**TRACK AND FIELD**

**8:30 a.m.:** 2021 TCS New York City Marathon (Live) ESPN2

**VOLLEYBALL**

**2 p.m.:** Womens College: Ole Miss at Tennessee. (Live) ESPN2

**WINTER SPORTS**

**12 p.m.:** Pintys Grand Slam of Curling National: Mens Final. (Live) SPRTNET

**4 p.m.:** Pintys Grand Slam of Curling National: Womens Final. (Live) SPRTNET



The Bucks' Grayson Allen tries to stop the Knicks' RJ Barrett during the first half Friday in Milwaukee. MORRY GASH/AP

**KNICKS**

# New York's ironman

**RJ Barrett credits his mental toughness as he closes in on 100-straight games played for Knicks**

**By Stefan Bondy**

New York Daily News

MILWAUKEE — It wouldn't be noteworthy in another era, let alone exceptional.

But in this NBA of rest days and body maintenance, RJ Barrett nearing 100 consecutive appearances is something to celebrate.

It's also a pattern.

Barrett never missed a game in college. He says he never missed a game in high school.

It's too early to declare Barrett an Ironman but being available every day is a point of pride and pain tolerance. There's also luck involved, which is why Barrett, when reminded of the streak, briefly walked off the postgame interview Friday to knock on wood.

"I think it's also just mental toughness being able to play through little things," he said. "There's always going to be little things that bother you and just being able to get the treatment and push through it."

Barrett was one of just NBA 11 players who appeared in every game of last season's condensed and hectic schedule. He finished second in total minutes behind teammate Julius Randle, and Barrett ranks in the Top 20 this

season.

His body and game passes the eye test for durability. Barrett is strong and plays close to the ground, thus less susceptible to acute injuries suffered by those high flyers or physically overmatched.

His lone absences were as a rookie because of a sprained ankle, which was followed by 96 straight games played heading into Sunday against the Cavaliers.

Just as important, Barrett has emerged through this streak as a reliable two-way stud worthy of being drafted third overall two years ago.

His 20-point effort in Friday's victory over Milwaukee extended another streak — now at five straight games with 20 points or more, a career best.

Always a force in transition, Barrett countered a lack of half-court one-on-one explosiveness by developing into a better spot-up shooter. He altered his mechanics by widening his stance and moving his elbow to the left.

"I think that it's hard to improve, particularly if you're a young player, without that commitment," Tom Thibodeau said. "So, I don't want him to change that. I think that our coaches served him well. I

think experience teaches him a lot. Each time you go out there, you're learning more. But usually, if you start taking shortcuts, it'll show in your performance. I want him to keep driving forward."

**No G League for you:** Thibodeau subscribes to the philosophy that young players are better off with his team than the G League, which is why you won't see rookies Quentin Grimes or Miles McBride spend extended time with the Westchester Knicks.

"I like them with us," Thibodeau said. "And we have opportunities to get them playing time we'll try to take advantage of that. But I also think having substitutes in practice for some of our guys is an important part of pacing our team. So the value has to be what's best for us."

Westchester opened its season

Friday with a 107-103 loss to the Wizards affiliate, with Brandon Williams (21 points) and MJ Walker (20) leading their scoring.

Luka Samanic, who signed a two-way contract with the Knicks, had 17 points in just 18 minutes.

The team is playing home games

this season in Bridgeport, Conn., at Webster Bank Arena its previous site — the Westchester County Center — has been transformed into a COVID vaccination facility.

**CELTICS**

# Picking up the slack

Defense pulling its weight — and then some — while the offense continues developing slowly

**By Gary Washburn**

Boston Globe

DALLAS — What appears to be predictable about these Celtics is their unpredictability, such was the case Thursday when they used a suffocating defense to overwhelm the Miami Heat, who entered with the league's No. 1 offense.

The Celtics improved to a 4-2 on the road, with wins over the Heat and Charlotte Hornets. The common denominator for their past two victories on this road trip has been their maligned defense.

Combined, the Heat and Orlando Magic shot 33 percent from the field and 18-for-84 (21 percent) from the 3-point line. In the Celtics' previous seven games, opponents shot 37 percent from the 3-point line. The

two-game stretch has moved the Celtics to 10th in the NBA in opponent 3-point percentage and sixth in total field goal percentage.

In other words, the Celtics defense has not been awful this season except for a few porous stretches, such as the fourth quarter Monday against the Chicago Bulls. Coach Ime Udoka has been saying he wants his team to win with defense. While the Celtics do have gifted scorers, a few are off to slow starts.

Jayson Tatum, who did not score Thursday until 11:14 left, is shooting 37 percent from the field and 27 percent from the 3-point line. He is shooting less than 30 percent in his past three games. And while he has been better as of late, Dennis Schröder is still shooting sub-40 percent, while Marcus Smart has failed to convert at least half of his field-goal attempts in any game.

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The offense has struggled but the remedy has been holding consecutive opponents under 80 points. The Celtics will make things easier on their offense when they play strong defense, and eventually they will

win more games when their scorers actually start consistently hitting shots again.

The Celtics will be without leading scorer Jaylen Brown against the Dallas Mavericks on Saturday because of hamstring soreness. It's uncertain whether the injury is significant or if the club wants to give him extra rest since the Celtics don't play again until Wednesday. But if they continue playing cohesively on defense, they can compensate for Brown's absence.

So what went right against Miami? Several things. The Celtics, firstly, finally contained leak outs by defenders after 3-point attempts. Miami would send a defender sprinting down the floor after a Celtic would attempt a 3, but the Celtics responded by sending a player to contest the lead pass.

It would either prevent an easy bucket or result in a turnover. For the past few years, the Celtics have been burned by leak outs because players shooting 3-pointers look at the trajectory of the ball instead of getting back on defense.

**RED SOX**

# Stay or go?

Pedro thinks it would be a mistake for Bogaerts to opt out of Sox contract after 2022 season

**By Julian McWilliams**

Boston Globe

BOSTON — Pedro Martinez doesn't think Xander Bogaerts should opt out of his contract with the Red Sox following the 2022 season. Bogaerts signed a six-year, \$120 million extension at the start of the 2019 season. At the time, it was considered a steal for the Red Sox. Now, even more so, Bogaerts has transformed himself into a franchise player, and arguably the best hitting shortstop in baseball. Yet Martinez, a Hall of Fame pitcher, believes Bogaerts should keep his home-grown roots in Boston.

"At the end of the day it's going to be Xander who decides if he goes or stays," Martinez said Friday ahead of his fifth annual Pedro Martinez Foundation Gala Friday at the Colonnade Hotel. "But to me, Xander is a player that probably needs to continue to have a Hall of Fame career in Boston."

Since 2019, Bogaerts' .302 batting average ranks third among shortstops with at least 1,000 plate appearances. He ranks first in on-base percentage (.375), third in slugging percentage (.523), and third in OPS (.899). His 67 home runs rank third among shortstops in that time. Marcus Semien has 85, but he was the Blue Jays' starting second baseman in 2021. Javy Báez is ahead of Bogaerts by a homer but shifted to second, with Francisco Lindor at shortstop, when the Mets acquired him from the Cubs at the trade deadline in July. Trea Turner is at the top of a lot of lists, too, but played some second base for the Dodgers, with Corey Seager at shortstop, after going from Washington to Los Angeles at the deadline.

Seager is headed into free agency so Turner likely will be the Dodgers' starting shortstop in 2022 before becoming a free agent after the season.

Fernando Tatis inked a 14-year \$340 million deal with the Padres before this past season. Lindor signed a 10-year, \$340 million shortly after New York acquired him from Cleveland last offseason. Bogaerts has stayed played more than Tatis (though, at 22, Tatis is a generational talent) and has performed better than Lindor. But legends are made in Boston and Martinez intimated that money aside, Bogaerts could become a beloved figure in New England.

"The years that Xander Bogaerts has played for Boston are Hall of Fame years," Martinez said emphatically. "So we have to [make sure] Xander continues to feel comfortable, and continues to do what he has to do. Hopefully Xander will have the same love for Boston that Boston has for Xander Bogaerts."

Both current and former players were in attendance at the gala, including former Red Sox catcher and current game planning coordinator, Jason Varitek, as well as Nationals outfielder Juan Soto.

**NHL**

# Blackhawks fire coach Colliton after rough start

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The reeling Chicago Blackhawks fired coach Jeremy Colliton on Saturday, dismissing the former NHL forward with the team off to a rough start in his fourth season.

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## Era

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years of a Bueckers-Fudd backcourt could produce are through the roof.

Comparisons to the legendary tandems of Sue Bird and Diana Taurasi, and Tina Charles and Maya Moore are evoked left and right. All of which is, on one hand, entirely premature and arguably unfair given Fudd hasn't yet logged a minute in a college game and Bueckers is still hunting her first championship.

Still, there's no doubt Fudd and Bueckers are good — really, really good. And if all goes according to plan, they will undoubtedly leave their marks on UConn women's basketball and earn the program its first national title since 2016 and 12th overall.

At least.

"They just play and they work really hard," said Valley, a former Husky (2000-04) who played with both Bird and Taurasi. "And I hope they get all the things that they desire out of this because I think they're going to deserve it. When it's all said and done, they're going to put the work in and the time, and I definitely think they could be that next one-two punch."

Another former Husky is more reserved.

"I think it's too early to put those names on them," said Carla Berube, who played at UConn 1993-97. She's now the head coach at Princeton and won gold coaching Bueckers and Fudd at the 2017 FIBA Americas U16 Championships and 2018 FIBA U17 World Cup.

"But they certainly have the potential to be a couple of the best to ever play there."

The future is now as the Bueckers-Fudd duo make its UConn debut Sunday at 1 p.m., when the Huskies host Division II opponent Fort Hays State in an exhibition at Gampel Pavilion. The game will be live-streamed on <https://uconnhuskies.com/>.

## A promising one-two backcourt punch

One part of the equation, Bueckers, is already known. As the reigning national player of the year, she had statistically the best freshman campaign in UConn history and arguably one of the most impressive individual seasons the program has seen.

She averaged 20 points on 52.4% shooting (46.4% on 3s) while adding 5.8 assists, 4.9 rebounds and 2.3 steals per game and coming through with some epic legend-making plays to beat the likes of Tennessee and then-No. 1 South Carolina.

"There is something in her game and the way she holds herself out there, the swag that she has," said Berube. "She knows when she steps on the floor she's gonna be one of the best players out there, if not the best player, and I think that sets her apart. There's no moment too big for her because she's ready for everything. She's put the time in, she's put the work in and she knows she can make the plays."

Berube believes Fudd — who was the first sophomore named national Gatorade Player of the Year and, like Bueckers, was the No. 1 recruit of her class — will show that same poise at the collegiate level.

But what lies ahead is an unknown right now. Fudd won't be in the same position as Bueckers, who playing on a relatively young and inexperienced team was asked to shoulder much of the offensive load. The Huskies return their major contributors, including all five starters, from 2020-21, and multiple other newcomers are eager to make a splash.

But since she arrived for summer session, Auriemma has specifically highlighted how Fudd's fundamentals, shooting form and footwork are well beyond her years, and that she blends right in with the returnees. Valley and Auriemma have described Fudd as a "thinker," but Valley notes that while most young players can't function if they're overthinking, Fudd still manages to play at a high level, learn the plays and make the right reads.

Auriemma indicated he wants her to be even more aggressive in hunting for shots.

"To me, 'is she going to make enough of them?' is not an issue. It's 'can we get her enough of them?'" he said. And perhaps underappreciated about her game is her defense, which Auriemma has gone out of his way to compliment.

Berube credited Fudd's impressive defense to her natural strength, great lateral quickness, use of her length and her work ethic.

"The real part of being a great defender is how hard are you going to work," she said. "There's nothing she does on the court that isn't done to the best of her ability."

## Match made in basketball heaven

When USA Basketball held U16 trials the

spring of 2017, Fudd and Bueckers were two of the younger players there, and they still managed to stand out.

It wasn't just their talent, Berube said, more so the intangibles. Fudd thanked the staff after every session, something Berube had never experienced before. And both always stuck around after workouts to get more shots or play one-on-one.

They simply love the game, a quality Auriemma once said is "somewhat rare" in players these days.

"There's so much joy they exude when they're playing or when they're shooting around or when they're competing doing something," Berube said. "It does not look like it's ever work or a task. They just really genuinely love the game, love working at it, love getting better and love competing and being on a team."

"They're old school," Valley added. "They just want to hoop and be really good."

And even as they've become household names in the basketball world and could be some of the top beneficiaries of new name, image and likeness policies, teammates and coaches laud Bueckers' and Fudd's selflessness, ability to stay grounded and treatment of their teammates.

"I've been around other young people who kind of think they're larger than life because of their status on a team, but [Fudd and Bueckers] are just normal," Valley said. "They don't really like all that [attention] and they don't really put themselves in those [situations]. They love their family, they love the gym, they love hanging out with their teammates. I think everyone else's perception is they're larger than life, and they don't act like that at all."

It's that very humility that's key for them to reach their potential. After all, talent alone won't get them atop the sport's pinnacle. They know that, and that's why they wanted to be coached by Auriemma and his staff.

"[Auriemma] knows how to motivate people and to get the best out of them, and I think they know that and I think that's why they came here," Valley said. "They wanted those expectations a little bit. Why else would you come here if you didn't want some of that? But the way he operates and does it is, to me, better than anyone else."

And neither wants to hog the spotlight. As much as they tease and compete with each other about who is the better shooter, they're more than happy to share their successes with their team, and each other.

"I think the best part is they both respect each other and what each other brings," Valley said. "It's not like they're competing to outdo the other one. It's like, 'All right, this is what you bring, this is what I bring, and let's go do this.' And I think that's why Dee and Sue functioned so well together and Jen [Rizzotti] and Rebecca [Lobo] and all the great duos that have played here."

Now comes the challenge for Auriemma as he tries to meld those strong individual games into team basketball and make it all work once the ball tips and the stakes are the highest the players have ever faced.

"How do you focus every single day at a really high level? How do you stay strong in the tightest of games with the most stress?" Berube said. "Of course, I think their games are going to keep progressing, but it's also the approach every single day. How to be a great leader? How do you step outside of your own self and think of others and how to get your teammates motivated?"

"There's so much more to college basketball that you learn so much from CD [Chris Dailey] and from Coach [Auriemma],"

Even with Fudd and Bueckers in tow, it's unlikely the Huskies will waltz right into a string of multiple national championships. With more parity in the sport than ever before, runs reminiscent of Taurasi's and Bird's (four national titles in five years), Charles' and Moore's (back-to-back undefeated seasons) and Breanna Stewart and Co. (four straight championships) are most likely relics of the past.

But count out at your own peril a program like UConn and what can happen when a coach like Auriemma brings in two humble superstars eager to learn and do whatever it takes to win championships.

"When we signed that class with Asjha [Jones], Tamika [Williams], Swin [Cash] and Sue [Bird] and everybody said, 'That's amazing.' Well, we were amazing," Auriemma said last November, the day Fudd signed her letter of intent to play at UConn. "And when we signed Tina Charles and Maya Moore, 'You guys are going to be amazing.' Yeah, we were amazing. And when we signed Stewie and those guys, 'You guys are going to be amazing.' Yeah, we were amazing."

"So, yeah, there is a direct correlation between if you sign those guys, at Connecticut anyway, there's a pretty good chance you're going to be an amazing team for a couple of years. Yes, that is a great possibility. Our track record proves that."

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## UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2021-22 ROSTER

It's been a minute since the UConn women's basketball team was, at least on paper, stacked like this. The 2021-22 Huskies boast three seniors, an intriguing graduate transfer, reigning national player of the year Paige Bueckers and the No. 2 recruiting class in the country, plus a number of other experienced pieces. In all, the group of 14 — Geno Auriemma's largest roster since 2008-09 — has made for the most competitive preseason UConn has had in years, with players duking it out for the coveted 8-9 regular spots in the rotation. The last time Auriemma (right) had a group like this? Probably back in 2012-13, when Breanna Stewart, Moriah Jefferson and Morgan Tuck were freshmen on a team led by Stefanie Dolson, Bria Hartley, Kelly Farris, Kiah Stokes and Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis. That UConn team went on to win the first of four straight national titles. What's in store for this squad, which skews much younger, remains to be seen, although the potential to bring home championship No. 12 is no doubt there.

— Alexa Philippou, Hartford Courant



### 3 AALIYAH EDWARDS

6 feet 3, F, So., Kingston, Ontario

**Obvious:** Edwards stood out from Day 1 with her physicality and tenacity in the paint, which she learned to channel more effectively as her freshman season went on. She took big strides during the NCAA Tournament and enters the season coming off her Olympic debut with Team Canada.

**You might not know:** Edwards loves to dance, adores animals and is a proud vegetarian — her

teammates often include vegetable emojis when they post about her on social media.

### 4 SAYLOR POFFENBARGER

6-2, G, Fr., Middletown, Maryland

**Obvious:** Poffenbarger appeared in 12 games and played 32 minutes in all upon joining the team this past January. Thanks to the bonus season NCAA granted all basketball athletes amid the COVID-19 pandemic, she has four years of collegiate eligibility remaining.

**You might not know:** Poffenbarger's basketball idol growing up was Maya Moore.

### 5 PAIGE BUECKERS

5-11, G, So., Hopkins, Minnesota

**Obvious:** The Huskies' sensational point guard, Bueckers is the reigning national player of the year and was the first freshman to win the Wooden Award, Naismith Trophy and Associated Press Player of the Year. Her freshman campaign at UConn was arguably the best in program history.

**You might not know:** Bueckers and Azzi Fudd, close friends from their USA Basketball days, argue back and forth over who is the better shooter. Bueckers insists she is. After all, she can point to her 46% clip from beyond the arc last season, while Fudd has yet to suit up. Auriemma will choose a side based on who ever he wants to tick off that day.

### 10 NIKA MÜHL

5-10, G, So., Zagreb, Croatia

**Obvious:** Mühl, who earned a starting spot the second half of last season, is beloved for her stubbornness, hard-nosed defense and grit on the court, something UConn had been missing in recent years prior to her arrival.

**You might not know:** Mühl admires Dennis Rodman and loves mayonnaise on anything.

### 11 MIR MCLEAN

5-11, F, So., Baltimore, Maryland

**Obvious:** McLean played the fourth-most minutes of the freshmen last season and showed promise as a rebounder and defender, while her nose for the ball often created opportunities for her to get to the free-throw line.

**You might not know:** McLean enjoys drawing and painting as a way to de-stress from school and basketball.

### 13 CHRISTYN WILLIAMS

5-11, G, Sr., Little Rock, Arkansas

**Obvious:** After some earlier ups and downs, Williams couldn't have asked for a better end to her junior season, as she emerged as a lethal two-way threat for the Huskies from the Big East Tournament on — the foundation off which she hopes to build her senior campaign.

**You might not know:** Williams started her own YouTube documentary series called "Redemption" in which she chronicles her summer rehab from elbow surgery following UConn's Final Four loss to Arizona.

### 14 DORKA JUHÁSZ

6-5, F, Gr., Pecs, Hungary

**Obvious:** The Huskies' graduate transfer from Ohio State, where she was a two-time All-Big Ten First Team selection, Juhász adds a totally different skillset than the likes of Olivia Nelson-Ododa and Edwards with her proven perimeter shooting.

**You might not know:** In Columbus, Juhász was coached by former Husky Tamika Williams Jeter, then an assistant at Ohio State and now head coach at Wittenberg University.

### 20 OLIVIA NELSON-ODODA

6-5, F, Sr., Winder, Georgia

**Obvious:** The Huskies' longstanding stalwart down low enters her senior year with more help than in previous seasons and a lot she can prove personally toward becoming a more consistent player against better competition. Auriemma has been pleased with her offseason growth so far.

**You might not know:** Nelson-Ododa has been quite active in pursuing name, image and likeness opportunities since the summer, becoming a partner of the athletic apparel company Fabletics and promoting a local pizza place to UConn students.

### 22 EVINA WESTBROOK

6-0, G, R-Sr., Salem, Oregon

**Obvious:** With her first season following two knee surgeries and having to sit out due to NCAA transfer rules behind her, Westbrook passed on leaving for the WNBA this spring, citing her "unfinished business" in Storrs. Now the healthiest and most confident she's been in awhile, she's eager to go out with a bang.

**You might not know:** Westbrook, the self-described team mom, loves to spoil her teammates with scavenger hunts and gifts and went all out for Valentine's Day last season, surprising the team with T-shirts, cards and arrangements to make them feel extra special.

### 32 PIATH GABRIEL

6-5, F, So., Manchester, New Hampshire

**Obvious:** Though she didn't play much last year, Auriemma dubbed her the "player of the week" recently and said he's optimistic her quickness, length and willingness to work hard will allow her to contribute at some point.

**You might not know:** Gabriel and UConn men's basketball's redshirt junior Akok Akok, whose

families both emigrated from South Sudan, came to Storrs from the same area of Manchester, New Hampshire.

### 33 CAROLINE DUCHARME

6-2, G, Fr., Milton, Massachusetts

**Obvious:** Described as a "silent assassin" and Carla Berube-esque, Ducharme may be one of the more under-the-radar incoming freshmen who's ready to make a splash on the collegiate stage — especially with that killer 3-point shot of hers.

**You might not know:** Ducharme's younger brother, Reid, is a UConn target and her older sister, Ashley, plays at Brown.

### 35 AZZI FUDD

5-11, G, Fr., Arlington, Virginia

**Obvious:** The Huskies' second mega recruit in as many years, Fudd has been discussed and hyped in many of the same ways Bueckers was before either checked in to a college game. Fudd is more reserved than Bueckers, and her game may not be as flashy, but her shooting and footwork are considered by some to be pro quality.

**You might not know:** Fudd has a dog name Stewie named after, you guessed it, Breanna Stewart.

### 42 AMARI DEBERRY

6-5, F, Fr., Williamsburg, New York

**Obvious:** DeBerry may be a bit behind Fudd and Ducharme in adjusting to college play, but Auriemma went as far to say she's the most skilled post he's had in his program in quite some time, a tantalizing prospect for the Huskies once she finds her footing.

**You might not know:** DeBerry went up with a one-handed slam following the men's team's dunk contest at First Night in October.

### 44 AUBREY GRIFFIN

6-1, F, Jr., Ossining, New



UConn head coach Geno Auriemma greets South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley before a Feb. 8 game in Storrs.  
DAVID BUTLER II/AP

#### UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NONCONFERENCE STORYLINES

## Three UConn-South Carolina matchups in one season? Maybe

By Alexa Philippou

Hartford Courant

The UConn women's basketball team is known for playing a stacked nonconference schedule and this year will be no different.

No. 2 UConn will play at least six teams ranked in the top 25 of the Associated Press' preseason poll: South Carolina (1), Louisville (6), Oregon (10), Tennessee (15), Georgia Tech (17) and UCLA (20). Not included in that group is the season opener against Arkansas, the sole team to beat them in the regular season last year.

With nonconference play picking up right off the bat, here are some storylines to follow for this stretch of the Huskies' season.

#### Early test at Battle 4 Atlantis

After their season opener versus Arkansas, the Huskies will participate in the inaugural Battle 4 Atlantis women's tournament, where they will take on Minnesota and then either No. 21 USF or Syracuse. Either No. 10 Oregon or No. 1 South Carolina, teams the Huskies were independently set to face in nonconference play this season, could await in the championship game.

A 1-vs-2 matchup in mid-November would be a whole lot of fun, even if neither team has figured out how to play its best basketball yet.

#### Double-dose of Pac-12 fun

After an all-Pac-12 NCAA Championship game in 2021, the Huskies will get a double-dose of the conference this year, facing UCLA Dec. 11 in Newark, N.J., in the Never Forget Tribute Classic, and at Oregon on Jan. 17.

UCLA, which UConn last met in the 2019 Sweet 16, graduated 2021 WNBA Rookie of the Year Michaela Onyenwere, but the Bruins hope to rebound following a COVID-disrupted and injury-ridicled 2020-21 where at one point they only had seven players available. It'll help to return All-Pac-12 selection Charisma Osborne, the Bruins' second-leading scorer last year, and bring in some intriguing newcomers (nine in all), including Wake Forest transfer Gina Conti.

Oregon's personnel has completely changed since the Ducks demolished UConn on its home floor in February 2020. They have more newcomers (seven) than returners (six), but they do bring back three core players from last season: Te-Hina Paopao, Sedona Prince and Nyara Sabally (sister of Satou). USC transfer Endya Rogers is among their new additions.

#### Paige Bueckers vs. Hailey Van Lith

It was a shame when Louisville and UConn's 2020 matchup was cancelled due to a positive COVID-19 test in the Huskies' program. Since then first-team All-American Dana Evans left for the WNBA, so this year's Louisville team is not expected to have the same fire-power as last year's, which fell to eventual national champion Stanford in the Elite Eight.

Still fans can look forward to the Paige Bueckers-Hailey Van Lith backcourt matchup when the Cardinals and Huskies meet

#### UConn women's schedule

Today: w-Fort Hays State, Gampel Pavilion, 1 p.m., Huskies All-Access

Nov. 14: Arkansas, 1 p.m., XL Center, SNY

Nov. 20: x-Minnesota, noon, FloHoops

Nov. 21: x-USF or Syracuse, TBD, FloHoops

Nov. 22: x-TBD, TV TBD

Dec. 3: at SETON HALL, 7 p.m., SNY

Dec. 5: Notre Dame, Gampel Pavilion, noon, FSI

Dec. 9: at Georgia Tech, 7 p.m., ESPN2

Dec. 11: y-UCLA, 1 p.m. (ABC)

Dec. 19: z-Louisville, 3:30 p.m., ESPN

Dec. 29: MARQUETTE, XL Center, 7 p.m., SNY

Dec. 31: at DEPAUL, 2 p.m., SNY

Jan. 5: at GEORGETOWN, 7 p.m., SNY

Jan. 7: at VILLANOVA, 7 p.m., SNY

Jan. 9: CREIGHTON, Gampel Pavilion, 1 p.m., SNY

Jan. 12: at BUTLER, 7 p.m., SNY

Jan. 15: XAVIER, XL Center, noon, SNY

Jan. 17: at Oregon, 5 p.m., ESPN2

Jan. 21: SETON HALL, Gampel Pavilion, 7 p.m., SNY

Jan. 23: at ST. JOHN'S, 1 p.m., SNY

Jan. 27: at South Carolina, 7 p.m., ESPN

Jan. 30: at PROVIDENCE, 11 a.m., SNY

Feb. 2: at CREIGHTON, 7:30 p.m., SNY

Feb. 4: BUTLER, Gampel Pavilion, 7 p.m., SNY

Feb. 6: Tennessee, noon/1 p.m., Fox

Feb. 9: VILLANOVA, XL Center, 7 p.m., SNY

Feb. 11: DEPAUL, Gampel Pavilion, 7 p.m., SNY

Feb. 13: at MARQUETTE, 2:30 p.m., Fox

Feb. 18: at XAVIER, 7 p.m., SNY

Feb. 20: GEORGETOWN, XL Center, 2 p.m., CBS Sports Network

Feb. 25: ST. JOHN'S, XL Center, 7 p.m., SNY

Feb. 27: PROVIDENCE, Gampel Pavilion, 2 p.m., CBS Sports Network

March 4-7: Big East Tournament, FSI/FS2

w-exhibition: x-Battle 4 Atlantis in Paradise Island, The Bahamas; y-Never Forget Tribute Classic in Newark, New Jersey; z-Basketball Hall of Fame Women's Showcase in Uncasville, Connecticut

Big East games in CAPS

at the Basketball Hall of Fame Women's Showcase at Mohegan Sun on Dec. 19. Van Lith was the No. 7 player in the Class of 2020 per espnW, while Bueckers was the top-ranked prospect, and the pair have been teammates on various USA Basketball squads. With Evans gone, Lith will no doubt play a larger role as a sophomore, but Louisville is expected to be a more balanced team overall with the likes of Kianna Smith, Olivia Cochran and transfer Chelsie Hall also contributing.

**Tennessee rematch after last year's**

**Knoxville thriller**

No matter what team Tennessee has in a given year, the Lady Vols are always a tough matchup with their length, defense and ability to dominate the glass. Since the Huskies revived the series with their historic rival, neither

Final Four or in the national title game.

Both teams share a similar roster construction. The Gamecocks return all their players, the Huskies all but one. South Carolina got a huge transfer in Kamilla Cardoso from Syracuse, UConn got one in Dorka Juhász from Ohio State. Their 2021 recruiting classes were ranked No. 1 (SC) and No. 2 (UConn).

While the Gamecocks are led by All-American Aliyah Boston, the Huskies have reigning national player of the year Bueckers. And surrounding those superstars are the likes of Zia Cooke and Destanni Henderson for South Carolina, and Christyn Williams and Olivia Nelson-Ododa for UConn. Both teams experienced heartbreak in April when they fell in the Final

Four (South Carolina to Stanford, UConn to Arizona).

**Other tidbits**

The Dec. 9 Georgia Tech meeting

will serve as a homecoming game for Nelson-Ododa, who hails from Winder, Georgia. The home game against Notre Dame will be the first

Geno Auriemma coaches against

head coach Niele Ivey, a former

player for the Irish. Auriemma will

also be coaching against Minne-

sota head coach Lindsay Whalen

for the first time. Minnesota and

UConn last played when Whalen

was a senior in the 2004 national

semifinal game, which UConn won

on the way to clinching its third

straight national title. Auriemma

also coached Whalen on the 2012

and 2016 Olympic teams.

Williams in particular will be

pumped to start the season against

Arkansas. The Huskies fell to the

Razorbacks 90-87 this past Janu-

ary in Williams' de facto homecoming

game, so she's looking forward to,

ideally, enacting some revenge. "I

can't wait," she said. "I went home

[for the summer] and people were

talking and I didn't like it too much.

Just know, I am still upset."

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#### COLLEGE FOOTBALL PURDUE 40, NO. 3 MICHIGAN STATE 29

## Boilermakers again stun a top-3 team

Purdue drops Spartans just weeks after upset of No. 2 Hawkeyes

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Aidan O'Connell threw for a career-best 536 yards, matched his career high with three touchdown passes and led Purdue past No. 3 Michigan State 40-29 on Saturday, leaving the Big Ten without any unbeaten teams.

Purdue's second major upset in four weeks could keep the conference out of the College Football Playoff for the third time in five years. The Boilermakers (6-3, 4-2), who won at then-No. 2 Iowa last month, are bowl-eligible for the first time in three years. They tied for the West Division lead and extended their FBS record for wins over top-five teams when unranked to 17.

The Spartans (8-1, 5-1) lost to Purdue for the first time since 2006 and trail Ohio State in the East by one game.

O'Connell went 40 of 54, including a 39-yard TD to Jackson Anthrop on a beautifully executed trick play that put Purdue ahead 21-7 in the second quarter. Anthrop began the play in motion, took a handoff and gave the ball to a wide receiver on a reverse, who then pitched the ball back to O'Connell. The QB tossed an easy screen pass back to



Purdue defensive end DaMarcus Mitchell (15) celebrates a sack with defensive tackle Branson Dean against Michigan State on Saturday in West Lafayette, Ind.

MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Anthrop, who followed a convoy of blockers into the end zone.

David Bell hauled in 11 passes for 217 yards and a touchdown. He posted his 15th career 100-yard receiving game, breaking John Standford's Purdue record.

Even another strong showing by Kenneth Walker III — 23 carries for 146 yards and a score — couldn't keep the Spartans on track. Michigan State (8-1, 5-1) spent most of the day playing catch-up.

The Spartans got within 21-14 at halftime and tied the score on their third play of the second half when quarterback Payton Thorne ran 39 yards for a touchdown.

#### COLLEGE FOOTBALL NO. 6 CINCINNATI 28, TULSA 20

## Ridder, Bearcats hold off Hurricane, move to 9-0

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Desmond Ridder threw for 274 yards and two touchdowns and CFP No. 6 Cincinnati held off Tulsa 28-20 on Saturday.

Alec Peirce had five catches for 113 yards and a touchdown to help the Bearcats (9-0, 5-0 American Athletic) extend the nation's second-longest home winning streak to 25 games.

Shamar Brooks rushed for 132 yards for Tulsa (3-6, 2-3), and Anthony Watkins ran for 105.

When Tulsa was stopped short on fourth down at the 4, it appeared the Bearcats would just run out the clock. But Ridder fumbled on a sneak, giving the Golden Hurricane life.

On fourth-and-goal from the 1, Steven Anderson fumbled as he was reaching for the goal line, and Jabari Taylor made the recovery for a touchback.

The Bearcats beat Tulsa 27-24

#### STATE COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

## Yale scores its most points under coach Reno, defeats Brown 63-38

Staff and wire reports

Nolan Grooms passed for 330 yards and three touchdowns, Spencer Alston rushed for two scores, and Yale beat Brown 63-38 on Saturday at Providence, R.I.

It was Yale's most single-game points under head coach Tony Reno — with two touchdowns coming from the defense. Reno has been the coach at Yale since 2012.

Clay Patterson hit Brown QB EJ Perry on a blitz to knock the ball loose and Noah Pope recovered it in the end zone for a two-touchdown lead late in the third quarter. First-year defensive back Sean Guyton returned an interception for a 60-yard touchdown — the second of his two picks.

Melvin Rouse II caught five passes for 119 yards and a touchdown for Yale (5-3, 4-1 Ivy League). Darrion Carrington pulled down a pass and took it 65 yards for a score early in the third.

Perry was 21-of-37 passing for 261 yards and three touchdowns for Brown (2-6, 1-4). Perry also scored on a 64-yard reception from Michael McGovern.

Allen Smith carried it 20 times for 87 yards and a score.

**Central Connecticut 30, Bryant 15:** At New Britain, Romelo Williams accounted for 233 yards and a touchdown and Central Connecticut rolled to the Northeast Conference win.

After Sacred Heart's 4-1 record in the NEC, Bryant, Central Connecticut, Duquesne and St. Francis (Pa.) are tied for second at 3-2.

Williams threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Tyshaun James with 23 seconds left before

halftime for a 13-7 lead and the Blue Devils led the rest of the way.

## SCOREBOARD

## NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	7	2	.778	—
Brooklyn	6	3	.667	1
New York	6	3	.667	1
Toronto	6	4	.600	1½
Boston	4	5	.444	3
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>GB</b>
Miami	6	2	.750	—
Washington	6	3	.667	½
Charlotte	5	5	.500	2
Atlanta	4	5	.444	2½
Orlando	2	8	.200	5
<b>CENTRAL</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>GB</b>
Chicago	6	2	.750	—
Cleveland	6	4	.600	1
Milwaukee	4	5	.444	2½
Indiana	3	7	.300	4
Detroit	1	8	.111	5½

## NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT PTS GF GA
Florida	11	10	0	21 46 24
Tampa Bay	11	6	3	14 35 27
Toronto	11	4	1	13 27 30
Buffalo	10	5	4	1 11 30 27
Boston	8	5	3	0 10 23 21
Detroit	11	4	5	2 10 30 39
Ottawa	10	3	7	1 7 28 40
Montreal	11	6	3	0 10 24 40
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>OT PTS GF</b>
Carolina	10	9	1	0 18 39 20
N.Y. Rangers	11	6	2	3 15 29 28
Washington	10	5	1	4 14 36 27
Philadelphia	9	5	2	2 12 30 24
Columbus	9	6	3	0 12 28 26
N.Y. Islanders	8	4	2	2 10 23 20
Pittsburgh	9	4	3	2 10 29 27
New Jersey	9	4	3	2 10 23 28
<b>WESTERN CONFERENCE</b>				
<b>CENTRAL</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>
Dallas	5	3	.625	—
Memphis	5	4	.556	½
San Antonio	3	6	.333	2½
Houston	1	8	.111	4½
New Orleans	1	9	.100	5
<b>NORTHWEST</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>GB</b>
Utah	7	1	.875	—
Denver	5	4	.556	2½
Portland	4	5	.444	3½
Minnesota	3	5	.375	4
Oklahoma City	2	6	.250	5
<b>PACIFIC</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>GB</b>
Golden State	7	1	.875	—
Phoenix	4	3	.571	2½
L.A. Lakers	5	4	.556	2½
Sacramento	5	4	.556	2½
L.A. Clippers	4	4	.500	3

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
Denver 95, Houston 94  
Utah at Miami, late  
Philadelphia at Chicago, late  
Boston at Dallas, late  
Atlanta at Phoenix, late  
L.A. Lakers at Portland, late

**SUNDAY'S GAMES**  
Brooklyn at Toronto, 3:30p.m.  
Cleveland at New York, 6p.m.  
Indiana at Sacramento, 6p.m.  
Milwaukee at Washington, 6p.m.  
Utah at Orlando, 6p.m.  
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 7p.m.  
Houston at Golden State, 8:30p.m.  
Charlotte at L.A. Clippers, 9p.m.

**FRIDAY'S RESULTS**  
San Antonio 102, Orlando 89  
Washington 115, Memphis 87  
Brooklyn 96, Detroit 90  
Cleveland 102, Toronto 99  
New York 113, Milwaukee 98  
L.A. Clippers 104, Minnesota 84  
Portland 110, Indiana 106  
Sacramento 140, Charlotte 110  
Golden State 126, New Orleans 85

## AUTO RACING

## MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS

RK	MAKE	PTS	PB	W
1	Chevrolet	1,296	—	18
2	Toyota	1,204	.92	10
3	Ford	1,203	.93	7

## DRIVER POINT STANDINGS

FINAL FOUR	W	T5	T10	PTS
Kyle Larson	9	19	25	5000
Chase Elliott	2	14	20	5000
Martin Truex, Jr.	4	12	19	5000
Denny Hamlin	4	18	24	5000

## CHASE PLAYOFFS

Brad Keselowski	1	10	16	2323
Kevin Harvick	0	10	23	2318
Ryan Blaney	3	10	19	2308
Joey Logano	1	10	19	2308
Kyle Busch	2	14	21	2285
William Byron	1	12	20	2280
Kurt Busch	1	6	14	2274
Christopher Bell	1	7	15	2251
Tyler Reddick	0	3	16	2232
Alex Bowman	4	8	16	2221
Aric Almirola	1	2	4	2184
Michael McDowell	2	5	2139	3
<b>NON-CHASE DRIVERS</b>				
Austin Dillon	0	1	8	913
Chris Buescher	0	1	8	759
Matt DiBenedetto	3	9	7	749
Ross Chastain	0	3	8	706
Bubba Wallace	1	3	3	698
Ricky Stenhouse, Jr.	0	1	2	665
Chase Briscoe	0	0	3	653
Erik Jones	0	0	6	626
Daniel Suarez	0	1	4	618
Cole Custer	0	0	2	547
Ryan Preece	0	1	4	540
Ryan Newman	0	2	5	532
Corey LaJoie	0	0	1	443
Anthony Alfredo	0	0	1	349
Quin Houff	0	0	0	175
James Davison	0	0	0	117
Jamie McMurray	0	0	1	30
Scott Heckert	0	0	0	26
Joey Hand	0	0	0	10
Mike Marlar	0	0	0	6
Chris Windom	0	0	0	4
David Ragan	0	0	0	4
R.C. Enerson	0	0	0	3
Shane Golobic	0	0	0	1
Ryan Eversley	0	0	0	1
Derrick Cope	0	0	0	1
AJ Allmendinger	1	2	3	0

## NASCAR CHASE PLAYOFF POINTS

DRIVER	W	PP	PTS	PLP
Kyle Larson	9	1	5000	62
Martin Truex, Jr.	4	0	5000	25
Denny Hamlin	2	0	5000	20
Alex Bowman	4	1	2221	20
Ryan Blaney	3	0	2308	19
Kyle Busch	2	0	2285	17
Chase Elliott	2	0	5000	16
Joey Logano	1	0	2308	10
William Byron	1	2	2280	9
Kurt Busch	1	0	2274	8
Brad Keselowski	1	0	2323	7
Christopher Bell	1	0	2251	5
Alex Bowman	1	1	2184	5
Michael McDowell	1	0	2139	5
<b>W-season victories;</b>				
PP=poles positions;				
PTS=season points;				
PLP=playoff points				

## UPCOMING CUP SCHEDULE

**Sunday:** NASCAR Cup Series  
Championship, Avondale, Ariz.

## WEEKEND WINNERS

**Friday's Trucks:** Chandler Smith  
**Xfinity:** Late Saturday

## ODDS

## NBA

## SUNDAY

## FAVORITE LINE O/U UNDERDOG

Brooklyn	4	(210)	at Toronto




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## SPORTS

## JETS

## Watching offensive success may help Wilson

By Dennis Waszak Jr.  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Zach Wilson got to immediately experience life in the NFL: big plays mixed with bad mistakes and some frustrating losses.

A knee injury then forced the New York Jets rookie quarterback to sit a few games — and watch how things might be for him when he returns.

"It's just a matter of absorbing that information and being confident because the good thing with Zach is that we don't have to teach him how to do the spectacular," coach Robert Saleh said. "He just has to learn how to do the boring stuff and understand that the boring can be explosive and can be spectacular too."

When everyone last saw Wilson on the field, the Jets offense was a mess. It was stuck in neutral and often rolling backward. In the two games since, Mike LaFleur's offense has taken off.

First, it was Mike White tossing short passes all over the field to finish with 405 yards and three touchdowns in a victory over Cincinnati in his first NFL start. The performance made him a sensation around the league and landed his jersey and the game ball in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Then it was 35-year-old career backup Josh Johnson setting personal bests with 317 yards passing and three TDs in a loss to Indianapolis after taking over for the injured White.

All with Wilson watching — and, the 2-6 Jets hope, seeing the blueprint for his own potential success.

"What I think is even more beneficial is he ran the offense for six games," Saleh said. "And then to watch it the last two games, absolutely.... And so for him to see it through the lens of another quarterback is incredibly beneficial, especially since he's already exposed himself to it."

The Jets drafted Wilson with the No. 2 overall pick for a reason. They see the potential in his playmaking skills, combined with his arm strength and ability to make throws at various angles.

Wilson is expected to return to practice next week from his sprained posterior collateral ligament, and could potentially play against Buffalo on Nov. 14. White should also be able to practice after dealing with a bruised nerve in his right forearm.

Saleh wants to see how they both feel and practice before making a decision.

Wilson remains the future for a franchise that has been searching for a consistent winner at quarterback since the days of Joe Namath — even if the present remains a bit cloudy.

"He's a young buck and he's one of those rookies that thinks they're invincible," Saleh said. "And he's only going to get better as he learns."



Panthers running back Christian McCaffrey scores during a game against the Chiefs on Nov. 8, 2020, at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City. AP FILE

## PATRIOTS

## Pats may face McCaffrey as Panthers activate RB

By Nicole Yang  
Boston Globe

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Carolina Panthers activated running back Christian McCaffrey off injured reserve, which means he will be eligible to play Sunday afternoon against the Patriots.

The team also cleared quarterback Sam Darnold, who was in concussion protocol. Darnold was limited in practice all week while also dealing with a shoulder injury.

If McCaffrey does play Sunday — he still has to go through a pregame workout to be sure — his availability will certainly boost the Panthers. The 2017 first-round pick has missed the last five games because of a hamstring injury.

McCaffrey returned to practice this past week, though the extent of his participation is unknown because only players on the 53-man roster are listed on the practice report. Coach Matt Rhule said Friday he was "hopeful" McCaffrey would play.

The Patriots are well aware of the threat McCaffrey poses.

"He's a dynamic player," coach Bill Belichick said Friday. "Christian is a very explosive guy. Any time he touches the ball, it's a potential touchdown. He's an excellent receiver. He's very good, obviously, on any type of catch-and-run plays. He can get vertical on the defense, coming out of the backfield or empty formations. He's really just a threat to go all the way on any play."

In three games this season, McCaffrey has rushed for 201 yards and a touchdown. He's also caught 16 passes on 17 targets for 163 yards.

Patriots outside linebacker Matthew Judon called McCaffrey "a game-breaker."

"He could be one guy that could win the game," Judon said Thursday. "I think their offense knows; their whole team knows that. I think they're more comfortable when he is on the field."

Safety Adrian Phillips expressed a similar sentiment.

"Dude is a beast," Phillips said. "In the pass game and in the run game, he can take the top off the defense. He can go for 80, 90 yards, whatever you need him to go for. Out of the backfield, he's just a monster. That's just another piece for them to have."

In McCaffrey's absence, the Panthers turned to rookie Chuba Hubbard, who has 391 rushing yards and 119 receiving yards on the season.

**Wilkerson elevated:** The Patriots temporarily elevated wide receiver Krisian Wilkerson from the practice squad to the active roster for Sunday's game.

The 24-year-old Wilkerson will join Jakobi Meyers, Kendrick Bourne, Nelson

Agholor, and N'Keal Harry as part of New England's receiving corps. Harry, who popped up on the practice report Friday with a knee injury, is listed as questionable.

Wilkerson is in his second season on the practice squad, though he did make a push at the start of training camp for a spot on the 53-man roster.

Sunday will mark the first time Wilkerson has been elevated off the practice squad this season.

He made his NFL debut in Week 9 last year against the Jets and was on the field for just two offensive snaps in a 30-27 overtime win, his lone game appearance.

**Tillery not fined:** The NFL did not fine

Chargers defensive end Jerry Tillery for his late hit on Patriots quarterback Mac Jones in the first half of last Sunday's game. Midway through the second quarter, Tillery still tackled Jones well after officials had blown the whistle to stop play. There was no flag. Asked about the sequence, Belichick deferred to the league.

## Patriots (4-4) at Panthers (4-4)

Time/TV: 1 p.m., CBS

Series record: Panthers lead 4-3.

Last meeting: Panthers beat Patriots 33-30 on Oct. 1, 2017 at New England.

Last week: Patriots beat Chargers 27-24; Panthers beat Falcons 19-13.

Patriots player to watch: RB Damien Harris. Harris has run for at least 80 yards in the last three games and has a touchdown rushing in four straight games.

Panthers player to watch: RB Christian McCaffrey. He returns after missing the last five games with hamstring injury.

Key matchup: Patriots QB Mac Jones vs. Panthers CB Stephon Gilmore.

Game notes: The Patriots are 0-3 vs.

NFC teams, while the Panthers are 2-0 vs.

AFC teams.... New England is 3-0 on the road this season.... Patriots QB Mac Jones leads all rookies in completions (192),

completion percentage (68.1), passing yards (1,997), TD passes (nine) and rating (90.1). He has two or more touchdown passes and a passer rating of 110 or more in two of his past three games. He'll be trying to become the first rookie QB since Dak Prescott in 2016 to win his first four road starts.... Darnold has thrown four TD passes and seven interceptions in his last five games.... Walker completed 24 of 34 pass attempts for 258 yards with two interceptions in his only career start on Nov. 22, 2020 against the Lions. Walker has one TD pass and five interceptions during his career.... McCaffrey has missed 18 of the team's last 24 games with injuries.

— Associated Press

## GIANTS

## Beckham reunion could be perfect fit

By Pat Leonard  
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Odell Beckham Jr. would fit well on Joe Judge's Giants.

That's right: the Giants and OBJ should consider a reunion, if not on Tuesday when he clears waivers then after this season when he hits free agency.

GM Dave Gettleman did Daniel Jones a disservice by trading Beckham away in March 2019 before drafting Jones that April.

The Giants sold some myth that an improved culture justified their jettisoning one of the best players in franchise history. But all they did was cut off their nose to spite their face.

Gettleman spitefully sent Beckham to the NFL's Siberia and removed an explosive offensive weapon from his own roster.

Now, Beckham needs revitalization coming out of this weekend's Cleveland divorce. Jones needs more support to thrive. The Giants need help winning games. And the franchise needs a reason for the fans to come to MetLife Stadium.

Jones and Beckham have thrown together in Los Angeles in the offseason before. They know and respect each other.

The Giants also have a program in place now that welcomes talent with personality rather than blaming it for the organization's overriding failures.

This spring's first-round selection of Kadarius Toney is Exhibit A.

Toney has clear maturity

issues, but he also became arguably the Giants' best and most dangerous player the second he stepped onto a regular season field healthy.

Look at the practice squad signing of offensive lineman Isaiah Wilson, too. That was a low-reward, high-risk dice roll on a player whose off-field transgressions make any past Beckham distractions look like chewing gum in class.

But Gettleman and Judge signed Wilson anyway.

Co-owner John Mara has overseen all of this, and remember, he called his sign-off on the 2019 Beckham trade "a reluctant approval."

Mara told the unforgettable story of how two of his grandsons "sobbed uncontrollably" on the phone when he told them he was trading away their favorite player, and Mara said then that he was only half-kidding that one grandson wasn't talking to him.

Know who else didn't love the Beckham trade? Many Giants players. They saw how the organization treated its own, how quickly the front office could turn on an elite player the team had signed to a mega extension just seven months prior.

But Saquon Barkley and Sterling Shepard, two of Beckham's best friends, no doubt

would be fired up if the Giants reacquired Beckham.

The Giants conceivably could sign Beckham cheaply this week if he clears waivers, and it's likely he does clear after the Browns agreed to leave a costly \$7.5 million balance on Beckham's contract for this season, per ESPN.

## Raiders (5-2) at Giants (2-6)

Time/TV: 1 p.m., CBS

Series record: Raiders lead 8-5.

Last meeting: Raiders beat Giants 24-17 on Dec. 3, 2017, in Oakland, California.

Last week: Raiders had bye, beat Eagles 33-22 on Oct. 24; Giants lost to Chiefs 20-17.

Raiders player to watch: WR Zay Jones. Jones will need to take a bigger role after starting receiver Henry Ruggs III was released.

Giants player to watch: RB Devonta Booker. Players tend to have good games against their former teams.

Key matchup: New York secondary against Las Vegas QB Derek Carr, who is hitting almost 68% of his passes.

Game notes: The Raiders' Rich Bisaccia can become the first head coach to win his first three games since Gary Moeller took over in midseason and led the Lions in 2000.... The Giants have won three of the last four against the Raiders.... The Giants had a season-high 10 penalties Monday.... Daniel Jones has a 90-plus quarterback rating in three of the four games at home.... Golladay had 132 yards receiving and a TD in 2019 in his only career game against the Raiders while with Detroit.... TEs Evan Engram and Kyle Rudolph each caught his first touchdown of the season Monday.... DL Leonard Williams had a sack and forced fumble against the Chiefs. He has seven sacks in his last five home games.... CB James Bradberry has fumble recoveries in two straight games.

— Associated Press

## Riley

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Marathon, a five-loop course which took place in the shadow of the old Yankee Stadium and went through the Bronx along the Harlem River.

"Maybe 50-60 guys" ran the first Cherry Tree, Vogel said. Corbitt won in 2:38:57.

In 1970, they moved the race to Central Park, where it became the New York City Marathon. By 1975, the field (339 entrants)

was growing too big for the park, and the NYRR wanted to make a splash because it was the bicentennial year. Gary Corbitt, Ted's son, cited a letter from May 1976 from his father to fellow club member George Spitz in which Ted discusses the

idea of the five-borough race. (Spitz is credited on the NYRR website with coming up with the idea).

"George wanted the city to have a big race to make a big deal about the bicentennial," Gary said. "In conversations with my father, my father came up with a unique way to have runners cover all five boroughs."

"[Spitz] took the idea to [Manhattan Borough president] Percy Sutton, he had a relationship with Percy Sutton. That made the race happen."

It was the job of Vogel and another club member, Harry Murphy, to lay out the course.

"I helped plan the course of the marathon in New York," Vogel said. "We used a couple of cars. I was in my car with some of the guys, [race director Fred]

Lebow and those guys. We planned the course. We had different ideas for different courses.

"We finally decided on the five-borough marathon starting in Staten Island, then it went into Brooklyn.

At first, they wouldn't let us use First Avenue in Manhattan. The police didn't think it was a good idea.

"The kids in Brooklyn, they were wise guys. We put a blue line down. It was my idea. I saw it in the Munich Olympic Marathon, they did that. We had it painted. These kids in Brooklyn, they tried to do their own painting [to divert the course]."

There were over 2,000 entrants in the 1976 race.

Bill Rodgers won, beating Olympic silver medalist Frank Shorter. Fueled by the running boom of the

1970s, the race became one of the world's most popular marathons.

BRAD HORRIGAN/HARTFORD COURANT

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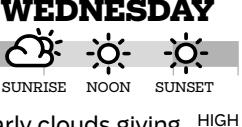
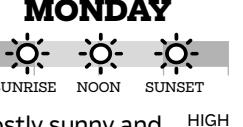
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From medical supplies to half-eaten birthday cakes, Buy Nothing is fostering a quirky sense of community that is mostly fun and occasionally irritating. **TRISHA KRAUSS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

## Get free stuff from neighbors

Buy Nothing groups rise, where someone's trash is your treasure

By Ronda Kayser  
The New York Times

**D**avid Stahl did not need leftover pickle juice because, really, no one needs someone else's used brine. But a few months ago, he decided to ask for some just to see if it was possible, posting a request to an New York chapter of Buy Nothing, a hyperlocal Facebook group.

It turns out, people are willing to give away (and take) just about anything, if you ask. A week later, Stahl walked 10 blocks to a stranger's apartment lobby and retrieved a 1-gallon Mt. Olive jar of the pale green liquid.

"The doorman thought that I wanted the glass because it was such a large glass. I was like, 'No, I just really like pickle juice,'" said Stahl, 30, a water resources engineer. He drank the brine with a friend, using it as a chaser for shots.

Welcome to the wild world of Buy Nothing, a network of social media groups, mostly on Facebook, where people give and receive things, treating the stuff taking up space in their homes as gifts meant to be shared and treasured. Members are encouraged to offer their time and talents, too, and loan items that someone may need for

just a few hours, such as a car or a cake pan. Created in 2013 by two women in Bainbridge Island, Washington, it has grown to 6,700 independent Buy Nothing Facebook groups in 44 countries. The Buy Nothing Project recently developed an app that it will release more widely in a few weeks.

Giving away the stuff that you no longer want is nothing new. Charities such as the Salvation Army and Goodwill rely on these kinds of donations. And social media has made it easier for people to find free stuff on sites such as Craigslist or through groups such as Trash Nothing. But Buy Nothing turns the act of decluttering into a way to meet and befriend your neighbors. Because each group is geographically limited, sometimes encompassing only a few city blocks, and members are allowed to join only a single group, an active group can become a tightknit trading post where a decorative birthday banner could make the rounds, shared repeatedly for months until it mysteriously disappears, as happened in one New York group earlier this year.

"We have plenty right here within each of our local communities to sustain us," said Liesl Clark, one of the founders of the Buy Nothing Project. In the language of Buy Nothing, everything we possess has value, if you can find the person who needs it. "If we can reuse and refurbish and fix and repair and just keep recycling these items, nothing needs to be discarded," Clark said.

Buy Nothing is "the only reason why I'm still on Facebook," said Stahl, who has been a member since March. "There is no community meeting place anymore," he added, except on Buy Nothing, where a member of his group

recently offered a half-eaten birthday cake — a gift members were happy to take.

And it's not just partially eaten food that people want. Oh, no. The list goes on.

There is the standard fare: used furniture, clothing, baby items and household goods. But the surprising things are what keep it interesting. In one Los Angeles group, used makeup, including lip gloss, frequently makes the rounds. Income disparity comes into sharp focus, too. In Silicon Valley, one group member gave away a piece of artwork that had, apparently, been bought for \$10,000, while in the Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia, members share essential items such as canned food, cheese, milk and medical supplies.

Life lived in a gifting economy requires a measure of patience, a virtue that can be hard to find if you want to clean out your closet quickly.

"You have to let things simmer for a while. That can be a little annoying when you want something and you feel a little pressure that the group wants you to sit and wait," said Janis Gross, 60, who teaches jewelry making and is a member of a Buy Nothing group in New York.

Let the item simmer, as the group requests, and then you eventually have to choose one recipient among many. But how do you decide which stranger is deserving of your old ice cube trays?

"It's like getting picked for the basketball team — 10 people reply and how do you pick?" Gross said. "I don't like the public nature of it. I don't like having to say, 'Sorry Mary, I'm going to give it to Fred.'"

Sometimes people don't show up to claim their stuff, or make it diffi-

cult to arrange a time for a pickup. Private messages can get lost in Facebook Messenger, leading to confusion or disappointment. Some members seem to claim more stuff than others, simply because they spend more time on Facebook. When you know another member personally, which is likely when everyone lives in the neighborhood, you might offend a friend if you choose someone else to take your loot.

But for Clark, the public nature of the interactions is the point. The transparency allows members to keep one another in check. "Gifting communities are a window into human nature," she said, adding: "We all have to get used to being uncomfortable in some situations."

"The other day, somebody posted dryer lint," said Susan Lightman, a member of a group that covers a large swath of New York. Dryer lint, she soon learned, has many uses, including as hamster bedding. "It's just the randomness of it that is amazing."

Lightman, who works in advertising, has given her fair share of random gifts, too, including a fish taco that she ordered but did not eat, and dirty water from her 30-gallon fish tank. Her husband doubted that anyone would want dirty fish water. But he was quickly proved wrong, as the nutrient-rich brew makes for excellent fertilizer.

"A lot of people were like, 'Totally, I'm interested,'" Lightman said.

She left a bucket outside her building, so members could come by and scoop it out. The dirty water was such a hit that she began offering it regularly, periodically announcing, "It's fish poop water time!"

Within hours, her neighbors would come and take it all.

### GADGETS

## Mophie Powerstation a perfect wireless charger

By Gregg Ellman

Tribune News Service

If there is such a thing as a perfect wireless charger for any environment — home, work or play (which might all be at the same location these days) — then the Mophie Powerstation stand is it.

The Powerstation's versatility allows it to be used anywhere, with or without connected power.

The built-in stand gives your phone the power boost while being able to view it at a convenient angle sitting right next to a work computer or on a nightstand. Either of those or anywhere you chose makes use of the folding stand to get a 10W charge.

While a Qi-enabled phone is charging, there are two USB ports on the back to connect to the 8,000mAh internal

battery, one a USB-A and the other an 18W USB-C fast charge.

The black base has ports in the back and a four-light LED indicator on the side shows the charging status and how much battery power is left in the Mophie Powerstation. A soft fabric covering is on the top of the charger, ensuring bare phones placed on it won't get scratched.

Wireless charging can

be done on the standing in portrait or landscape modes, enabling perfect viewing again. When the stand isn't needed, it folds down for storage on top of the base.

Since it has 8,000mAh of internal power, taking the Mophie Powerstation on the go is easy. It produces 1.7 full charges until it needs a charge itself.

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## REAL ESTATE MATTERS

## Potential buyer considers not using an agent

By Ilyce Glink and  
Samuel J. Tamkin  
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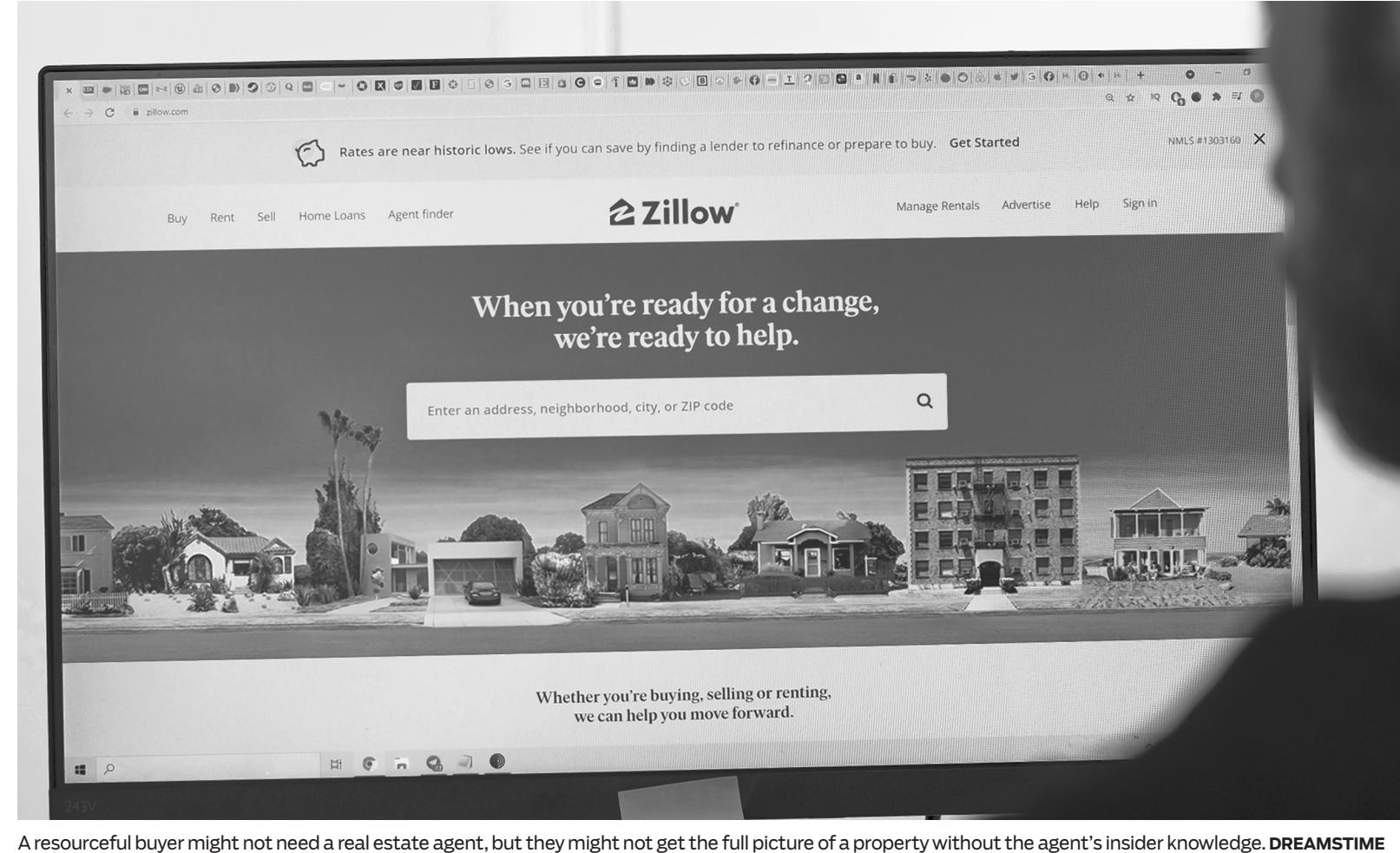
**Q: In what circumstances would you recommend purchasing a property without a buyer's agent? I don't see the clear value in the age of Redfin/Zillow, and from my experience I'm not sure any real estate person is going to be as hard-working and diligent as I'd be in (doing the research). Plus having many thousands of dollars in extra buying power is obviously a giant plus for me.**

**Do you have any tips for people who are opposed to using a buyer's agent?**

**A:** In our columns, we've talked about the effect the internet has had on the real estate industry. For the most part, the information you get on real estate properties has improved vastly over the years. It was only 30 years ago that almost all the information on properties for sale was kept in black and white listing books printed on newsprint by local Realtor associations, refreshed every two weeks. And you couldn't view those listings without working with a real estate agent that was a member of that Realtor association.

The real estate industry has come a long way.

Today, you can get information about homes from so many different online sources. Online, you can find specific real estate tax information and hyperlocal crime statistics, view information on school districts and individual schools, obtain flood zone information, and see most any property from the air and ground using one of many online resources. You can also measure the size of the land, determine what the price history was for a home, and even compare what a handful of websites



A resourceful buyer might not need a real estate agent, but they might not get the full picture of a property without the agent's insider knowledge. **DREAMTIME**

think a particular property might be worth. (And, of course, you can check the online rating of individual brokers and their firms.)

With all that information, a resourceful buyer might not need a real estate agent to help them buy a home. But you still might not get the full picture of a property without the insider knowledge of a great real estate agent. Some first-time homebuyers will benefit greatly from the expertise a good real estate agent can provide in evaluating the various options they have when buying a home, and particularly if they're buying a first home.

You seem to feel that you have a good handle on what you want and how much you can spend. If you don't feel you'd benefit

from the advice, knowledge and experience a good real estate agent might bring to the table, and if you're comfortable searching for a property on your own, you can go without a real estate agent.

Remember, however, that a mistake in this area could cost you thousands of dollars.

Let's say you find a property listed with a real estate company. And let's say that the seller is willing to entertain an offer from you, an unrepresented buyer (not all will). You might think that you might go in and negotiate a purchase price and then try to get the listing broker to pitch in one-half of the commission. Well, you'll quickly find out that listing agents won't give much, if anything.

Their listing agreement

with the seller requires the seller to pay them a commission (let's say, 4% to 6% of the sale price), which they are required to share with the buyer's agent — if there is one. If you aren't represented, the listing agent may be under no obligation to pitch in some of that cash to make the deal work. (They might, or not.)

We like that you've taken the initiative to do the work it takes to find the right home. But finding the right home is just the first part of the process. Next, you need to negotiate the right price and terms for the home.

Here's the rub: Buyers who buy without an agent are at risk for overpaying because they may not have critical information about the property, or what similar homes in the neighborhood are sell-

ing for in real time. Sellers who sell on their own may likewise settle for less than the true market price simply because they don't know what kinds of bids (or bidding wars) the local market is generating.

If you want to buy a home on your own, and you're prepared to get as much information as possible about the property, neighborhood, school district, upcoming changes in the neighborhood, what other similar homes are selling for and other information critical to a successful outcome, have at it.

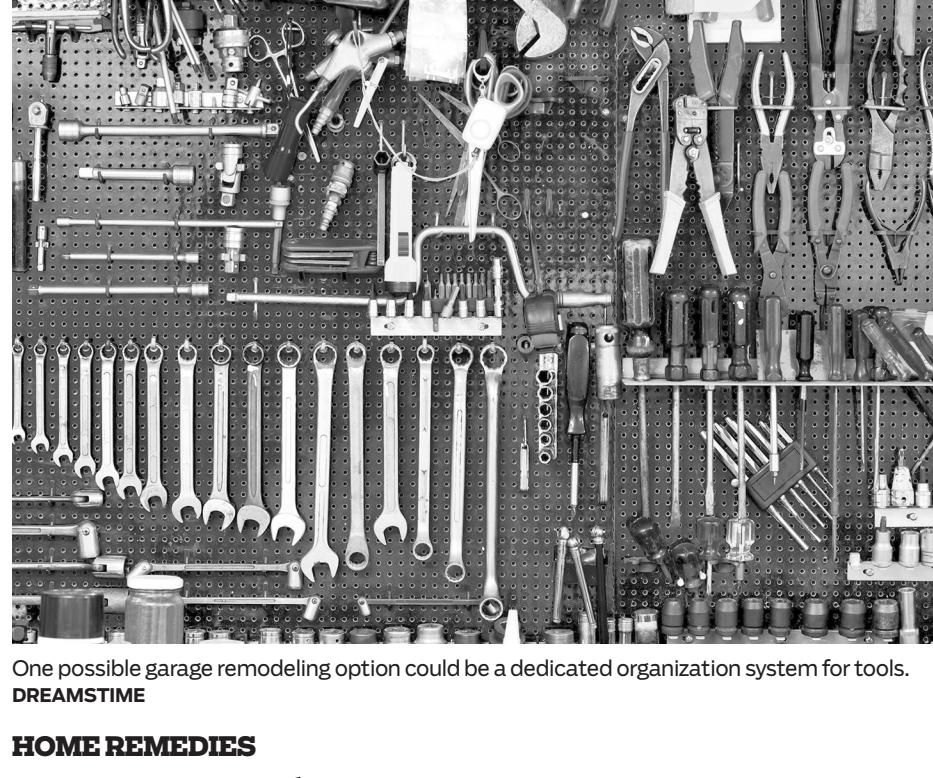
But in a hot market especially, going it alone may feel daunting. If you keep losing bids, or find that homes are being sold so quickly there isn't time for you to make an offer, then consider hiring an agent to

assist you in making your single biggest purchase to date.

One last point: Exclusive buyers agents require you to pay for their services. They work to negotiate a lower purchase price to cover that amount. Agents that represent buyers and sellers are paid a share of the commission paid by the seller. While that ultimately is funded by you, since you're paying for the home, going it alone may not reduce how much buying power you have.

Good luck and please let us know how things turn out.

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One possible garage remodeling option could be a dedicated organization system for tools. **DREAMTIME**

## HOME REMEDIES

## How to plan garage conversion

By Paul F. P. Pogue  
Ask Angi

A garage renovation that transforms it into an additional room gives homeowners more space when they have limited options for expansion outside or their house doesn't have a basement. Most often homeowners are looking at a plan to convert a garage into a bedroom or rec room. Conversely, you might just want to upgrade your storage or workspace. Whatever the case, many contractors now specialize in garage conversions and can help you bring your vision to life. Garage upgrades tend to improve your resale value as well, provided they're not too specific. A hobby room dedicated to your favorite college team will make you very happy, but might limit your resale options more than a living suite would.

Keep in mind you'll have to make a significant investment to accomplish this. A garage remodel costs an average of \$11,000.

Most jobs between \$6,000 and \$21,000, and a big-ticket upgrade such as an in-law suite will probably cost even more.

You can also consider hiring a dedicated garage organizer if you want to make the best use of the space for traditional garage tasks such as hobbies, tool storage or car maintenance.

## What affects garage remodeling cost?

The cost to convert a garage relies heavily on your intentions for the area. Size of the garage, age of the house and the remodel purpose will all affect the final cost.

A typical conversion includes adding insulation inside the drywall, rewiring, bringing the floor level to the rest of the house and protecting the floor from moisture using either a moisture barrier or ceramic tile flooring. Ask your contractor about the ability of your HVAC system to handle another room. You might have to

install a separate system.

You will also need to decide if you want any sort of plumbing run into the new room and if you want to add a crawl space above the garage or other storage options. There's also the garage door to consider. It can be left intact or converted into a wall.

Talk to your contractor about your city's building codes before starting the project. Municipal codes regulate anything from electrical outlet placement to window and door requirements. And often, garages are originally built to different codes from living areas. If you're converting a garage to living space, you'll need to meet numerous requirements to pull it off.

Incidentally, all these changes might get in the way of actually keeping a car in there. But if you use up all the space and you still want to protect your car from the elements, the addition of a carport will take up minimal space on your driveway.

## TREASURES

## Vernis Martin cabinet an elegant find despite condition

By Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson  
Tribune News Service

**Q: I have two pieces I would like information about — approximate age, origin and estimated value. One is a rocking chair; the other is a small cabinet.**

**A:** The first piece is a French-style cabinet with a brass gallery and two doors. One door has a scene of a sedate yet slightly coy-looking woman standing under a tree. The facing door has a lad in a Renaissance era hat playing a flute while dancing or strutting.

The quality of the painting is decorative and not meant to be the work of a master artist. Both pictures have brass surrounds, and painted flowers are around the brass "frames." The cabinet has cabriole legs with brass caps and is in the Louis XV style. It is supposed to resemble a piece made in France in the 18th century, but it was not made at that time.

It is a type of furniture often called "Vernis Martin" after a type of lacquer or japanned surface used by the Martin brothers, who were named Vernis Martin du Roi (or Varnishers to the King) by Louis XV. The Martin brothers — Guillaume, Etienne-Simon, Robert and Julien — were essentially trying to imitate Chinese lacquer with European-themed subjects.

Their wares — and those who imitated them — ranged from snuff boxes to carriages, and their decorative style persists to this day.

Despite the damage to the veneer we see around the bottom of the doors and the apron that might suggest great age, this piece is probably first quar-



This cabinet is supposed to resemble a piece made in France in the 18th century. **READER SUBMITTED/TNS**

ter of the 20th century and was made as a reproduction for decorative purposes. Where it was made is the question.

The examples that were actually made in France at this time are generally marked "Made in France," so this very well may be an American creation made in Michigan, Illinois or some other furniture-making locale. It is antique or nearly antique, but it is viewed as an elegant piece of decor by stuffy old purists like us. Vernis Martin furniture tends to bring good money when sold, and this cabinet, even with its condition problems, should be valued in the \$1,200 to \$1,600 range.

This brings us to the rocking chair, which we believe started out life as an armchair and had the rockers added later. In our view, this is an elegant chair with added rockers. And we feel this is a little

like putting roller skates on your 100-year-old great-grandmother.

We like this piece, despite our opinion about the rockers, and feel it started out life as an English Edwardian armchair circa 1900. As with the cabinet, the painted design is decorative rather than artistic. But it is charming and should be valued in the \$450 to \$600 range.

*Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson have written a number of books on antiques. Do you have an item you'd like to know more about? Contact them at Joe Rosson, 2504 Seymour Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917, or email them at treasures@knology.net. If you'd like your question to be considered for their column, include a high-resolution photo of the subject, which must be in focus, with your inquiry.*

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK: 508 Litchfield Road, Norfolk

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# Property of the Week

## Stunning contemporary Cape Cod home nestled in the rolling hills of Norfolk

By James Alexander

You could build this home anywhere, and it would be impressive. But on this 15-acre site, in the rolling hills of Norfolk in Litchfield County, this contemporary Cape Cod home is simply stunning.

Credit the views, but don't overlook that much of this home's appeal is the result of careful upgrades and modifications made by the current owners, Diane and Bruce Benedetto. They purchased the home four years ago, and after living in it for a year, concluded that its full potential would only be realized with some extensive remodeling.



"We were fortunate to find this house," Diane Benedetto said. "But it did need work. The first thing [needing upgrading] was the kitchen. It was the size of a butler's pantry, with no views."

Now, after remodeling, the kitchen is the heart of the home. Not only is it larger, but the removal of a wall that separated it from the combined living-dining room adds to its spacious feel. Thanks to these changes, the chef can now interact with guests while enjoying a spectacular view of Sugar Hill through a large window over the sink. The kitchen's appeal has been further enhanced by custom cabinetry from Pennsylvania's Amish country, and a large center island with a honed granite top that matches the granite used on the counters. A stone backsplash using a subway running bond pattern provides an attractive



contrast to these counters, while built-in appliances complete the kitchen. These include a five-burner gas cooktop with a wall-mounted pot filler, double ovens – "I love never running out of oven space," Diane said – a built-in refrigerator, and a microwave. The Benedettos have entertained up to 50 people in the home, with the kitchen serving as a center of activity. "We always seem to come back to the kitchen," Diane said.

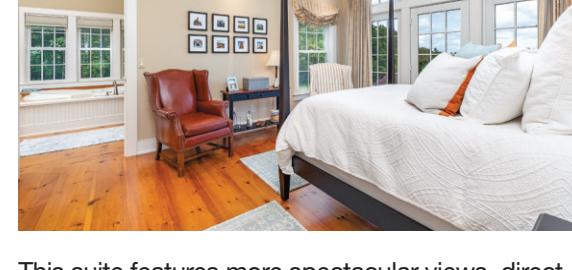
One factor that has made this remodel a success is the trim. The original builder used custom beaded millwork that the Benedettos managed to replicate. It is a small detail that adds



visual interest while maintaining consistency throughout the home.

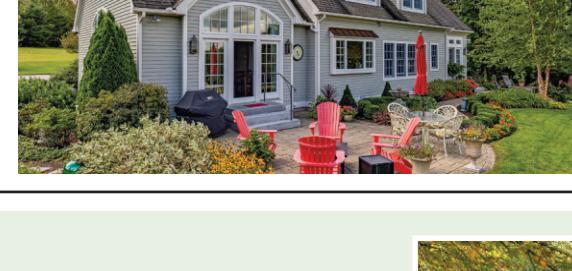
The combined living and dining room is large, but not overwhelming. Three features stand out, in addition to the views through the enlarged arched windows. The flooring used extensively throughout the home, including in the living and dining areas, consists of exceptionally wide pine boards. "Pine is soft, but it has worn very well," Bruce said. Also of note are a raised hearth gas fueled fireplace and the ceiling that soars 15 feet above the floor.

The front entry provides a direct view to the kitchen, living room, and an open stairway to the second floor. A hall on one side accesses the attached two-car garage and leads to a den, a full bath with room for full-size laundry appliances, and two bedrooms, including the primary suite.



This suite features more spectacular views, direct access to one of two rear patios, a tray ceiling, large walk-in closet, and a bathroom fit for a spa. Here, a cherry wood dual sink vanity, whirlpool tub, and a separate shower are highlights. This bath is also accessible from a second first floor bedroom that can be reached from the hall. It currently serves as a home office. This design makes the option for one-floor living a practical reality.

The stairs to the second floor reach a hallway that is compact, yet feels spacious. Partial credit for this must be given to a cupola that provides natural light, even on an overcast day. There are three more bedrooms on the second floor, including one with a gas fireplace, all served by a full bath. The fifth bedroom is relatively new and uses space that was once unfinished. It is large, fully insulated and is heated and cooled by a split climate control system that is independent of the home's heating and cooling systems. When the room is not needed, the Benedettos close the door and turn off the climate control to save energy. The second floor also accesses additional storage space in the attic, and under the eaves.



The home is on a sloped lot, which gives the lower level possibilities that have been fully exploited to create a finished recreation room with light from large windows and level, walkout access to a rear patio. This lower level also has the home's fourth full bath and access to a large area that is ideal for a workshop, storage, and housing the home's mechanical systems, which include a Weil-McLain boiler. A nine-foot basement ceiling is another unusual feature. "It makes a big difference," said Jennifer Roller, who is handling the sale.



Outside, the landscaping shows attention to detail, with two patios, manicured plantings, and a hot tub. "We use the hot tub all year," Diane said. "In the winter, we shovel a path to it." Also of possible importance to a new buyer, "The [15-acre] lot can be subdivided," Diane said, "and there is an additional frontage road."

With many beautiful historic homes in the area, it is actually rare to find a home this new for sale in Norfolk, Roller said. Adding to its appeal, this home is just across the street from Dennis Hill State Park and down the road from such cultural attractions as the Yale Music Shed. The town also is home to Infinity Music Hall, Tobey Pond, hiking trails, golfing and skiing. The home, the views, and the many nearby attractions make this property unique.



### PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

508 Litchfield Road, Norfolk

**Year built:** 2005

**Price:** \$1,190,000

**Style:** Contemporary Cape Cod

**Rooms:** 9

**Bedrooms:** 5

**Baths:** 4 full

**Square footage:** 4,566 lower level included

**Acreage:** 15

**Mill rate:** 26.91

**Best feature:** Comfortable one-level living with great views in a great town

**Contact:** Jennifer Roller

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### HARWINTON

Colonial contemporary waterfront home, with 2.19 acres and 160 feet of frontage on 34-acre Wilson Pond. Main level has a formal dining room, living room with wood-burning fireplace and built-in wood shelves. Spacious cathedral-ceiling great room with impressive granite wood burning fireplace with heat blower overlooked by loft currently being used as a study. The backyard is level, private and a large portion is fenced, with a brick patio and hot tub. \$489,000, 30 Wilson Pond Road, Harwinton. Jennifer Roller, 860-459-0805, jroller@williampitt.com.



### WEST HARTFORD

West Hartford Cape is packed with today's must haves and nestled in a desirable neighborhood near all the amazing things this town has to offer! A brief stroll to a golf course, indoor swimming pool, ice rink, pickleball and tennis courts. Home is located in the Woodridge Lake Association area for swimming and boating. This charming home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces, 2 car garage, sunroom and large deck. Master bedroom is on the first floor and features a gas fireplace and walk-in closet. \$475,000, 24 Woodruff Road, West Hartford. Lisa Fagan, 860-810-2325, lfagan@williampitt.com.



## REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

### ANSONIA

14 Lester St, Pantaco Properties LLC to Fung, Jerry and Fung, Susan, 10/21, \$935,000  
20 Moulthrop St, Vargas, Jomarie to Czachor, Piotr, 10/15, \$25,500  
22 Elm St, Connors, Mary G and Larson, Kathleen K to 22 Elm Street LLC, 10/21, \$250,000  
22 Jewett St, Tascione, Marisa and Tascione, Vincent to Delacruz, Jonathan J, 10/20, \$215,000  
24 N Coe Ln, Marcucio, Anthony and Marcuccio, Elizabeth to Sinnolay, May, 10/21, \$280,000  
25 Forest Ave, Welch Marjorie E Est and Wyslick, Barbara J to Judd, Maribeth A and Burns-Thomas, Richard, 10/20, \$147,000  
28 Moulthrop St, Rescom LLC to Alvarado, Mauricio D, 10/18, \$354,950  
33-35 Winter St, 33 Winter LLC to Contreras, Lisbeth A, 10/19, \$375,000

### ASHFORD

Property on Pompey Rd, Good, Gary A and Good, Janet D to Eischen, Yulia A, 10/18, \$40,000  
Property on Southworth Dr, Good, Gary A and Good, Janet D to Eischen, Yulia A, 10/18, \$40,000  
2 Boston Hollow Rd, Oberg, Edward A to Watts, Chase D, 10/20, \$499,000

### AVON

19 Fox Holw #19, Russo, John M to Kapadwala, Khalid, 10/19, \$425,000  
103 Carrigay Dr, Meader Valerie H Est and Costello, Richard A to Narayanawamy, Raaman, 10/18, \$325,000  
118 Deepwood Dr, Braico, Anthony J and Braico, Gloria A to Wirkus, Michelle and Wood, Michael, 10/21, \$430,000  
155 Ayrshire Ln, Goethe Ann Price Est and Goethe, John W to Wood, Benjamin and Wood, Linsey, 10/18, \$510,000  
159 Arch Rd, Rathnam, Kashmila R to Haworth, Rebecca L, 10/21, \$240,000

### BEACON FALLS

1 Lakeview Rise #1, Weidlein, William to Thomas, Dale J and Thomas, Barbara L, 10/22, \$489,000  
9 Pamanata Mdw, Mumper, Janet R to Nolan, Tyler R and Nolan, Shauna L, 10/19, \$335,000

14 North Cir, Willadsen, David F and Willadsen, Lisa R to Alexander, Daniel R and Herb, Erin M, 10/21, \$225,000

### BERLIN

10 Woodhaven Dr, Bellanceau, Evan G to Pasco, Philip, 10/18, \$250,000  
11 Lori Ann Ln, Jambard, Ronald W and Jambard, Margaret to Corcoran, Karl and Laficata, Ellen R, 10/19, \$335,000  
32 Stocking Brook Rd, Mayock, Lauren and Dube, Christopher D to Starosciak, Diane M and Starosciak, John, 10/18, \$345,000  
92 Spring Valley Dr, Renfrew, Adam and Mortensen, Elyse to Lau, Peter T, 10/19, \$600,000  
94 Commerce St, Petir Jr, Wilfred H to Copperhead Precision LLC, 10/18, \$325,000  
267 Spruce Brook Rd, Madeira, Steven to Angelico, Paul and Angelico, Linda C, 10/18, \$325,000

### BETHANY

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33 Woodcutters Dr, Beddall, Jane to Hamen-achem, Verred, 10/18, \$381,000  
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### BETHEL

5 Budd Jr, Khuth, Erin M and Khuth, Chaneene K to Okeregbie, Tejiri and Okarma, Jaime, 10/18, \$426,000  
6 East Ln, Sar, Yuthea and Sar, Khunnang to Cibery Jr, John A, 10/20, \$412,500  
6 Edmond Rd, Cole, Scott J and Cole, Karen A to Henriquez, Ramon A, 10/18, \$556,000  
18 Whippoorwill Rd, Lavelle, Caroline L to Montrallo, Stephanie L and Kamen, Kelly A, 10/19, \$585,000  
104 Old Hawleyville Rd, Kelm, Thomas W and Kelm, Allison to Solano, Ross M, 10/19, \$420,000  
511 Copper Square Dr #511, RMS Copper Square LLC to Szilagyi, Maryhelen J, 10/21, \$429,900

519 Copper Square Dr #519, RMS Copper Square LLC to Pagudala, Ashish K and Shere, Saliathala, 10/18, \$379,900  
523 Copper Square Dr #523, RMS Copper Square LLC to Weintraub, Nicole and Fred-ericks, Robert W, 10/18, \$379,900

### BETHLEHEM

Property on Carmel Hill Rd N, Schade Royal A Est and Gavigan, James to Markwater, John, 10/22, \$40,000

### BLOOMFIELD

15 W Hill Rd, Dale Galbo T and Galbo, Dale to Lattimer, Frank, 10/20, \$450,000  
16 Mexur Dr, Mexur Road Partners to Vitkovskis, Arthur A, 10/18, \$210,000  
34 Pebble Beach Dr #34, Stahl, Karin A and Stahl, William to Ferrari, Gwendolyn A, 10/21, \$525,000  
53 Oliver Way #53, F&Barbara Grn T and Green, Adam J to Dallamipour, Sahand, 10/18, \$280,000

60 Silo Way #60, Brookes, Gregory to Dolan, Tyler J and Pierre, Amanda M, 10/20, \$172,000  
91 Englewood Ave, Tobias, Joan R to Tobon, Eliana, 10/20, \$160,000

121 Sutton Pl #121, Le, Hua T to Cini, Denion and Cini, Eni, 10/19, \$97,400  
540 Simsbury Rd, Becker, Marjorie K to Miles, Luke H and Moss, Grace C, 10/21, \$335,000

### BOLTON

15 North Rd, Rose, Charles N and Rose, Marie L to Thompson Jr, William B and Thompson, Lori A, 10/21, \$145,000  
80 Country Club Rd, Pagan, Wendy M to Wright, Edward M and Wright, Mia R, 10/18, \$640,000

### BRANFORD

25 Quarry Dock Rd #25, Lessig, David and Lessig, Sirpa H to Mick, Margaret, 10/20, \$448,000

46 Home Pl, Perrault, Gabrielle to Tuite, Megan K, 10/19, \$350,000

48 Linsley St, Sutherland Nida Est and Even-wei, Patricia L to Bruce, Susan A, 10/18, \$305,000

49 Rose St #410, Cloherty, Thomas M and Harrison, Susan M to Kayser, Jean M and Kayser, Mary L, 10/19, \$219,999

100 Hemlock Rd #10-1, Bruce, Susan A to Becker, Katharine, 10/19, \$245,000

142-C Chestnut St, Stannard, Renee K to Guevara, Hector A and Cruz, Rosa A, 10/19, \$205,000

294 Monticello Dr #294, Pinix, Nathan C and Pinnix, Belinda to Damico, Aaron P, 10/20, \$180,000

438 N Harbor St, Delucia Associates LP and Delucia, John to Frione, Christopher and Rasile, Lauren, 10/19, \$267,000

BRIDGEPORT

Property on Birmingham St, Bennett, Gail and Cohen, Linda to Deliphilo, Michael A, 9/29, \$262,000

Property on Coleman St, Amazing Grace Church Inc to Transforming Lives Chrch, 9/30, \$195,000

Property on Glendale Condo #E3, Lee, Myung to Mate, Gary J, 9/29, \$155,000

28 Jetland Pl, Lucas, Karen A to Equity Ventures Group LLC, 9/29, \$183,887

33 Alameda Pl, Sullivan, Daniel R Est and PNC Bank NA to Archstone Holdings LLC, 9/29, \$181,000

40 Kennedy Dr #40, Hauchine, Zaccaria to Ferrer, Daniel and Ray Jr, Darwin L, 9/27, \$170,500

40-42 Scofield Ave, Chagnon, William to Pilloni, Joseph A, 9/28, \$320,000

50 Pleasantview Ave, Favreau Jr, Donald K and Favreau, Laura to 50 Pleasantview LLC, 9/27, \$160,000

54 Adams St, Singleton, Tyronda to

McLeary, Jennifer and Snowden, Jeffrey A, 9/28, \$450,000

55 Bunnell St, Irby Jr, Ceasar and Irby, Tracey to Spearman, Maurice A, 9/30, \$25,000

58 Patricia Dr #J, Latvis, Jennifer to Palomino, Juan C, 9/27, \$225,000

61 Mencel Cir #61, Mencel Hob Hill LLC to Montero, Elizabeth, 9/28, \$130,000

62 Lance Cr #62, Gachi, Florence and Gachi, Nicholas C to Huerta, Libby, 9/29, \$205,000

67-69 Baldwin St, Fleming Arssie Est and Fleming, Glenn to Boloja, Mayancela M and Mayancela, Idefonso G, 9/28, \$230,000

69 Tarinelli Cr, Salcedo, Edy S and Salcedo, Nelida to Anderson, Tara, 9/27, \$360,000

77-79 Hanford Ave, Wojnarski T and Wojnarski, Sarah to Bepko 3rd, Thomas and Stopa, Casey, 9/29, \$369,000

83 Johnson St, Khan, Shaita to Ebron, Raymond, 9/30, \$235,000

101 Eastwood Rd, Dennis, Mary to Valdez, Mavel, 9/28, \$257,000

102 Huntington Tpk #503, Glaze, Alesia to Goldentree Group LLC, 9/28, \$100,000

120 Judson Pl, Fernandez, Salvador to Charles, Gina M and Rosicair, Patrick J, 9/28, \$200,000

123 Prince St, Reid Gladstone P Est and Kendall, Mary to Mason, Angenette, 9/29, \$205,000

124 Burns St, Deleon, Alvarez M, 9/29, \$280,000

125 Burncock Ave, Pizarro, Daniel to Hasan, Mohammed and Tih, Naima J, 9/27, \$330,000

126 Castle Glenn, Quinta, George C to Shahrain, James, 9/28, \$400,000

127 Eastgate Dr, Silberfein, Anthony to Sobeolei, Nevin, 9/29, \$169,000

128 Eves Hill Ct #10, Gelinas-Busha, Catherine to Cervera-Frausto, Angelina and Hernandez, Hugo J, 9/28, \$74,900

129 Eves Hill Ct #10, Gelinas-Busha, Catherine to Cervera-Frausto, Angelina and Hernandez, Hugo J, 9/28, \$74,900

130 Eves Hill Ct #10, Gelinas-Busha, Catherine to Cervera-Frausto, Angelina and Hernandez, Hugo J, 9/28, \$74,900

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147 Eves Hill Ct #10, Gelinas-Busha, Catherine to Cervera-Frausto, Angelina and Hernandez, Hugo J, 9/28, \$74,900

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156 Eves Hill Ct #10, Gelinas-Busha, Catherine to Cervera-Frausto, Angelina and Hernandez, Hugo J, 9/28, \$74,900

157 Eves Hill Ct #10, Gelinas-Busha, Catherine to Cervera-Frausto, Angelina and Hernandez, Hugo J, 9/28, \$74,900

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DE LLC, 10/18, \$370,000

**HAMPTON**

91 Bennett Dr, Bell, Dustin J to Cante, Kevin F, 10/21, \$327,000

496 Hartford Tpk, Evans, Michael S to Pasay, Justen, 10/21, \$152,000

**HARTFORD**

1 Linden Pl #307, Peter R Blum T and Blum, Peter R to McInerney, Caitlin and Uche, Chinaza, 10/20, \$180,000

2 Burke Rd, Perez, Elyse to Bonilla, Jaylene, 10/18, \$212,073

27 Annawan St, Marquez, Domingo and Marquez, Rosa to Rodriguez, Juan G and Rodriguez, Maritza, 10/21, \$27,000

27-29 Warner St, Hernandez, Estevan to Peralta-Martinez, Erasmo, 10/21, \$250,000

31 Marmon Ct, Margaret N Carvalho T and Carvalho, Margaret N to Phamduy, Timothy, 10/18, \$320,000

39 Enfield St #39, B Max Enterprises LLC to Wallace, Briona, 10/18, \$67,000

45-51 Willard St #2AL, Santan, Ramon to Rankine, Rochelle, 10/18, \$60,000

46-48 Barker St, Pantano Emanuele Est and Pantano, Lucy to Peters Jr, Norman, 10/19, \$51,667

46-48 Barker St, Pantano, Sammy to Peters Jr, Norman, 10/19, \$103,333

48-50 Atwood St #B1, Mcleitch, Dalton and Haynes, Stephanie C to Shakir, Salih, 10/22, \$67,000

52 E Euclid St, Emmanuel, Silus and Emmanuel, Hernnia to Williams, Lorraine A, 10/18, \$123,000

67-69 Mansfield St, Drummond, Edward and Drummond, Maxine to Melendez, Maria C, 10/18, \$177,900

69-71 Oakland Ter, Damian Levy Property LLC to Moses, Shaun, 10/20, \$275,000

75 Bolton St, Jones, Paula M to Dennis, Nedera and Williams, Elithe, 10/18, \$233,000

78 Clark St, Antoine, Joel to Edwards, Lucas, 10/22, \$5,000

90-92 Lebanon St, Harrington Sheila M Est and Harrington, Michael to Fumi Realty Inc, 10/18, \$87,500

101-103 Mountford St, Rivas, Edson to Abadin, Begum, 10/20, \$316,000

103-105 Westbourne Pkwy, Dunn, Vanda O to Rivera, Linnette, 10/19, \$208,000

118-120 New Park Ave, 118-120 New Park Ave LLC to Ichiro Housing LLC, 10/20, \$325,000

119-121 Vine St, Jones, Ruth C to Smith, Alicia, 10/18, \$250,000

126 Chester St, Expert Realty LLC to Wedderburn, Garfield R, 10/18, \$210,000

211-213 Sargeant St, Andrews, Janet A to Malcolm, Anthony, 10/21, \$250,000

408 Prospect Ave, Hearnstone Apt LLC to Hearnstone Prospects Ave, 10/21, \$1,850,000

530 Prospect Ave, Fletcher, Jean D to Hickories Properties LLC, 10/18, \$186,000

848-850 Capitol Ave, 848 Capitol Ave LLC to Thomas, Charmain P and Thomas, Bernard, 10/21, \$250,000

**HARTLAND**

49 Skaret Rd, Howard, Stephen T to Blacker, Geoffrey R, 10/19, \$199,900

147 Mountain Rd, Mitchell, Daniel T to Howard, Stephen T and Brown, Julie M, 10/19, \$475,000

**HARWINTON**

Property on Hill Rd, Country View Properties to Harrington 2nd, Ernest L and Harrington, Veronica C, 10/19, \$110,000

27 Hannahs Way, Targa 1 LLC to Horvay, Paul A and Horvay, Ruthann, 10/20, \$408,262

190 Delay Rd, Turick, Adam T to Thornton Jr, Michael R and Fonseca, Meaghan E, 10/18, \$301,200

**HEBRON**

7 Teichert Ln, Rogers, Ann L to Reddington, Justin M and Reddington, Chelsea M, 10/18, \$418,000

14 Mai Rd, Jagla, Justin to Landry, Brooke C and Thibodeau, Audrey, 10/20, \$265,000

26 Richardson Dr, Hund, Drew R and Hund, Kathy A to Grosso, Daniel R and Grosso, Marissa L, 10/19, \$425,000

40 Indian Field Rd, Cook, Ryan to Roback, Daniel and Roback, Tiffany, 10/18, \$390,000

81 Old Colchester Rd, Ellison, Jack B and Ellison, Kristy L to Crouch, Wesley and Crouch, Kayla, 10/21, \$590,500

124 Joel Dr, Contrino, Josephine to Resnikoff, Aorn, 10/18, \$860,000

337 Jones St, Brierley, Bret and Brierley, Donna to Kozak, Margaret M and Kozak, Jonathan E, 10/19, \$280,000

520 Old Colchester Rd, Randazzo Paul Est and Hund, Kathy A to Radican, Kevin, 10/20, \$295,000

**KENT**

105 Kent Hollow Rd, Botway, Cooper to Equity Ventures Group LLC, 10/19, \$359,889

229-A Kent Rd, Gilbertson, Mark and Gilbertson, Susan to Polley, Michael S, 10/20, \$135,000

**KILLINGLY**

N/A, Butler Kenneth Jr Est and Butler, Corrine to Legassey, Jared, 10/19, \$80,000

14 Irene St, Tedeschi Jr, Frederick J to TMC Keywest LLC, 10/19, \$150,000

43 Nauset Ave, Marchesseault, Edward J and Jewett CT City to Bonneau, Joseph R, 10/19, \$171,000

115 Reynolds St, Leavitt, Michele C to Phelan, Mary, 10/19, \$215,600

301 Putnam Pike, Beaudreau, Sharon A to Hill, Daniel G, 10/18, \$325,000

**KILLINGWORTH**

11 Grouse Ct, Mickelson, Timothy P to Bova, Christopher and Benedetto, Carly, 10/18, \$500,000

139 Roast Meat Hill Rd, Somers Pope M A Est and Pope, Christopher to MJM Self Storage Of Clint, 10/18, \$255,000

611 Route 148, Berchtold Karl Est and Lewis, Karen to Sixelevan LLC, 10/20, \$265,000

**LEBANON**

152 Gates Rd, Lamson, Patricia and Lamson, Robert to Slater, Derek and Slater, Christina, 10/21, \$310,000

212 Lakeside Dr, Lombardi, Kenneth G to Yale, Hunter, 10/18, \$165,000

494 Clubhouse Rd, Petrowski, Frances E and Petrowski, Angela M to Rector, Shaw, 10/18, \$230,000

**LEDYARD**

2 Lakeside Dr #3, Mucciarone, Jill-Mary to Bernadeau, Jona, 10/19, \$141,000

7 Meeting House Ln, Cunningham Ingrid Est and Holley, Heike to Sison, Duanne, 10/18, \$235,000

**LISBON**

91 River Rd, Dugas, John M to Terravet Lisbon LLC, 10/18, \$435,000

528 River Rd, Rose, Diana to Mulvey, Kile E, 10/21, \$230,000

**MADISON**

19 White Oaks Ln, Yee, Nikki and Hayward, Andrew to Lotocky, Mychael and Maselli, Megan, 10/20, \$435,000

49 Devonshire Ln, Wang, Yan and Shi, Shuhao to Skiba, Alicia E, 10/21, \$500,000

52 Riverside Ter, Santoro, Beth to Delicia, Beth A, 10/18, \$385,000

126 Flintlock Rd, Jones, Matthew C and Hause, Carolyn K to Flote, Taylor B and Rasmussen-Flothe, Jaime, 10/18, \$699,000

292 Bridge Corners Rd, Davies, Alan R and Berkery-Davies, Elizabeth to Debowes, Brian and Debowes, Meggie, 10/21, \$520,000

597 Green Hill Rd, Bagdasarian, Kathleen C to Edwin, Douglas and Finch, Schreiner, 10/19, \$225,000

**MANCHESTER**

31 Green Rd, Scott, Stephanie L and Mckenzie, Nev R to Halsted, Tolan A, 10/20, \$184,900

36 French Rd, Towler Anna M Est and Lacus, Janet to Eisenberg, Justin D, 10/19, \$234,345

53 Hawthorne St, Herlith, Barbara L and

Herlith, William J to Cottle, Michael, 10/22, \$140,000

56 Foster St, Vlg Charm LLC Ct LLC to Witter, Marcia, 10/21, \$278,000

58 Holl St, Brower, Ronald J and Brower, Robin L to Omalley, James P, 10/19, \$205,000

82 Oak Grove St, Jednak, Peter M to Cuadras, Daniel J and Page, Ashley M, 10/19, \$285,000

89 Millford Rd, Handfield, Gloria A and Carroll, Gayle S to KSD Holdings LLC, 10/19, \$130,000

92 Bette Dr, Cai, Meina and Gao, Xin to Nicolas, Danitza, 10/18, \$420,000

97 Main St, Oyster Bay Associates LLC to Williams Realty 1 LLC, 10/19, \$283,000

99 Main St, Oyster Bay Associates LLC to Williams Realty 1 LLC, 10/19, \$283,000

99 Vernon St, Gardner, Desmre D to Poulin Jr, Dwayne H, 10/21, \$183,000

136 Vernon St, Cloutier, Arlene B and Rufini, Joanne M to Rodriguez, William, 10/22, \$190,000

175 S Main St, Atkinson, Kenneth C to Joseph, Lindsey, 10/19, \$195,000

194 Maple St, Affordable Living Vent to Doyle, Joanne D, 10/20, \$268,000

198 Green Rd, Chaudhry, Khalid to Sarraan, Vidayattie, 10/22, \$225,000

229 Henry St, Blake, Shannon to Mercado, Khrysta G, 10/18, \$228,000

229 Henry St, Blake, Shannon to Mercado, Khrysta G, 10/18, \$228,000

232 Spring St, Weiss Jean M Est and Weiss, Robert R to Lugo 3rd, Enrique, 10/19, \$235,000

235 Kennedy Rd, Cymrot, Isaac and Dailello, Melissa to Bono, Jeremy R, 10/19, \$342,000

588-D Center St, Huie, Allison B to Lambert, Kenneth, 10/21, \$163,000

278 Lyddal St, Peretto, Michael J and Peretto, Angela M to Lam, Douglas and Pho, Nina, 10/22, \$425,000

**MANSFIELD**

23 Eastbrook Hts #B, Buzay, Elisabeth P and Buzay, Emmanuel P to Bi, Jinbo and Song, Minghu, 10/19, \$145,000

71 Charles Ln, Rheinhardt, Alexandra to Jen-Wu, James S and Martin, Sinead J, 10/20, \$364,100

**MARLBOROUGH**

18 Hemlock Dr, Reid, Meghan R to Reiser, Jeremy C and Reiser, Arian R, 10/22, \$345,000

41 Avalon Ln, Srivastava, Indresh K and Srivastava, Ranjana to Lipkins, Ronald, 10/18, \$669,900

156 Flood Rd, Dupuis, Connor to Knope, Lucas, 10/22, \$341,000

167 Paper Mill Rd, Farley, J to Richard to Hancin Construction LLC, 10/18, \$100,000

170 West Rd, Gudomski, Jacob J and Gudomski, Beata L to Piscatelli, Ryan and Russo, Rachel, 10/18, \$375,000

**MERIDEN**

N/A, Frisina, Palma to Wiazniak, Wieslaw and Wiazniak, Grażyna, 10/22, \$74,900

N/A, Ferrone, Kevin D and Ferrone, Elizabeth M to Sorak, Bryan P, 10/22, \$185,000

12 Schooner Ln, USA HUD to Foster, Jerome, 10/21, \$202,000

17 Laurel Hts, Rindfussch, Carissa to Turcotte, Ronald, 10/19, \$175,000

17 Mountain View Rd, Perl Rudolf Est and Copeland, Renee to Maletta, Robin J, 10/21, \$152,500

50 Meetinghouse Hg #4, Ochman Jr and Meger, Michelle M to Wright, Nicole, 10/19, \$151,000

25 Silver St, Dabrowski, Ralph and Martinez, Catherine to RVMW Properties LLC, 10/18, \$103,000

41 Pine Tree Rdg, Canning, Patrick to Oval Enterprise LLC, 10/19, \$154,500

50 Meetinghouse Hg #4, Ochman Jr and Meger, Michelle M to Wright, Nicole, 10/19, \$151,000

152 Folsom Rd, Dupuis, Connor to Knope, Lucas, 10/22, \$267,000

171 Metacomet Ct #71, Bottino, John A and Bottino, Paul B to Raguadas, Kendra and Raguadas, Robert, 10/19, \$195,000

123 Bradley Ave, Abella, Janice A to Porter, Ian, 10/19, \$194,000

99 Oak St, Rios, Joseph to Gray, Chinua M and Gray, Christopher, 10/20, \$203,000

108 Pettit Dr, Marinaro, Doreen to Gonzalez, Kiera, 10/22, \$280,000

113 Vale St, Lebiedz, Antoni to Briggs, Treyvon, 10/20, \$32,250



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345 Newtown Tpke, Lander, D S and Lander, Laura to Ye, Zhi W, 10/19, \$850,000

### WESTPORT

4 April Dr, Alford, Jason K to Mokhtar-De-rakshan, Behard and Kolinsky, Monica A, 10/20, \$2,320,000

7 Plumtree Ln, McGrath, Barbara C to Dangelo 3rd, James F and Dangelo, Brianna P, 10/20, \$37,500

7 Plumtree Ln, William F McGrath T and McGrath, Barbara C to Dangelo 3rd, James F and Dangelo, Brianna P, 10/20, \$337,500

7 Surf Rd, 7 Surf Associates LLC to Vira-dia, Aruna and Viradia, Jayant, 10/20, \$3,425,000

8 Apple Tree Trl, Stephen Temlock T and Temlock, Marsha A to Durakis, Linda and Green, William, 10/18, \$250,000

8 Bushy Ridge Rd, Holod, Judith A and Holod, Mark A to Jones, Lindsey and Convisar, Jason A, 10/20, \$1,158,300

9 Webb Rd, Greyhome Partners LLC to Smith, J Ryan and Smith, Dafina, 10/21, \$2,360,000

12 Sunrise Rd, Sargent Joseph Est and Roberts, Patricia to Baker, Andrea, 10/18, \$618,000

17 Harborview Rd, Pouliot, Andrea to K&Christine RET and Chessen, Kevin, 10/20, \$1,662,500

24 Sturges Cmll, Brag, Johany and Dunlap, Katherine G, 10/20, \$1,470,000

113 Lansdowne #113, Glickman, Carl and Glickman, Eileen to Elizabeth Shoup RET and Shoup, Elizabeth, 10/18, \$1,000,000

117 Morningside Dr S, Kowalsky Family Co LLC to Sacchetti, Anastasia, 10/14, \$1,550,000

27 Bayberry Ln, Kamyab, Katayoun and Goodarzi, Afshin to Brown, Vishal and Brown, Gabriella M, 10/18, \$942,000

330 Post Rd W, Auxier, Joshua M and Ivanova, Miroslava to McDougald, Titus and McDougald, Desire, 10/19, \$575,000

360 Main St, US Bank NA Tr to Masha, Omolola and Masha, Bukola, 10/19, \$660,000

### WETHERSFIELD

Property on Stockingmill Rd, Melandro, Elissa B to Nancy Coombe Smith T and Coombe-Smith, Nancy, 10/21, \$440,000

Property on View Dr, Begin, John M to Carducci, Sharon H, 10/19, \$315,000

30 Highcrest Acres, Fitzmaurice, Maurice T and Magan, Carolyn A to Melandro, Elissa B, 10/19, \$398,000

31 Marmor Ct, Brown, Michael W and Brown, Gloria A to Baez Genere, Vincente A, 10/18, \$215,000

46 Colonel Chester Dr, Patel, Vijaykumar B and Patel, Mona to Brown, Michael, 10/19, \$450,000

54 Dix Rd, Cassineri, Sandra J to Sansabrin, Jennifer A, 10/22, \$222,000

101 Willow St, Musinski, Daniel and Musinski, Kelly J to Marquez, Domingo and Marquez, Jaime, 10/19, \$305,000

111 Brookside Cir, Behrens, Jessica and Pelaez, Luis to Nieves, Jeannie C, 10/19, \$216,000

114 Highland St, Judson, Tammy M and Judson, Stephen C to Allen, Sean P and Kania, Kristen E, 10/19, \$97,500

115 Desmond Dr, Torres, Freddy to Bildeau, Brian and Bildeau, Alyse, 10/19, \$430,000

138 Mapleside Dr, Cappellucci, Kristin to Grmci, Esmeraldo, 10/18, \$244,000

330 Jordan Ln, Adam Homes Ltd to Lopez, Jose D, 10/19, \$125,000

411 Westwood Hi, Grubelich, Thomas E to Martinez, Justo and Martinez, Liudmila N, 10/20, \$307,000

783 Nott St, Woike, Mark R and Woike, Rachelle to Valley Residential Group, 10/20, \$192,000

### WILMINGTON

135 Tolland Tpke, Sullivan Lianne C Est and Brunell, Deborah to Centeo, Manuel, 10/19, \$180,000

### WILTON

19 Fullin Ln, Charas, Ethan and Charas, Kerri H to Mathews Jr, Glen W and Mathews, Justine, 10/18, \$355,000

30 Ambler Ln, Lent, William and Lent, Jennifer to Policastro, Andrew J and Policastro, Caitlin, 10/22, \$1,165,000

30 Wilton Hunt Rd #30, Katherine R Clabaugh RET and Clabaugh, Katherine R to White 3rd, Thomas E and White, Natalie, 10/19, \$808,000

31 Marmor Ct, Brown, Michael W and Brown, Gloria A to Baez Genere, Vincente A, 10/18, \$215,000

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## ASK THE BUILDER

## Building inspections not a given everywhere

By Tim Carter  
Tribune Content Agency

A few years back, I used to do a two-hour radio call-in show in Cincinnati about home improvement. It was loads of fun to be on the spot on live radio, answering listeners' questions. I miss those mornings but now do the same thing via email at AsktheBuilder.com.

My friends Frank and Kim regularly invite me on their radio show on WLIP in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and we cover lots of topics, some of which have nothing to do with home improvement. It's so much fun to be back on live radio!

Recently, it came up in a discussion that some places across the United States have no building inspections for new homes. Frank thought this was unbelievable.

For years I've done expert witness work in residential legal cases. I clearly remember a case in northern Ohio in which a prominent orthopedic surgeon and his wife built a stunning house on a lake. It turns out there were no inspections required, and, as you might suspect, problems started cropping up.

I moved to New Hampshire from Cincinnati in 2008. Not too long after this, I discovered at least one small town in New Hampshire that also has no building inspections. Just a few days ago a woman hired for a plumbing riser isometric drawing for her new home.

I've been a master plumber since 1981, and I draw many of these plans. It turns out where she's building in the state of Mississippi, there are no inspections of any type, including a plumbing inspection.

What does this mean to you? Let's briefly discuss the building code. This

Are you sure your new home will be inspected? If not, how would you know if this framing was correct? **TIM CARTER/TNS**

written document is generated with the input of many experts. That said, most

tions happen as your home is built.

Some new houses get quite a few separate inspections. It's not unusual in larger towns and cities to have inspectors look at the soil before footings are poured, the framing after all the utilities are installed, and the insulation, rough plumbing, rough electric and final inspections for all these things before a certificate of occupancy is granted.

However, even with all these inspections, don't think they're all done with a magnifying glass. Inspectors may only be able to spend a few minutes at your house, as they have lots of jobs to look at on that given day. I clearly remember one of my plumbing

inspectors that never got out his car to inspect my work. He had seen my work, knew it was first class and trusted me. He'd chat with me, fill out the sticker and hand it to me. I've had just the opposite with certain electrical inspectors. Some were so thorough that they discovered a wall outlet hidden by an open door that had no cover plate!

What should you do if you want to ensure your new home is built as best as it can be? This is a whopper of a question. First, it starts with excellent plans and written specifications. These two things are the North Star for your builder. They should be referenced in your contract with the builder. Simply state that

your house must be built in accordance with the plans and specifications that become an exhibit to the contract. You and the contractor should sign the cover page of the plans and specifications as well as the contract. Keep your copy of these documents in a very safe place.

You can hire your own inspectors who can look over the shoulder of the builder. This should be referenced in your contract, and there needs to be language that your builder must satisfy this inspector as well as any that your local government provides. If you don't include this clause in the contract, your builder might say: "I don't care what he says. That's not the way I do things."

It's entirely possible you might hire separate inspectors for different aspects of the job. I wouldn't hesitate to hire a residential structural engineer to look at the footings before they're poured to make sure the soil is good and to make sure the reinforcing steel is correct. I'd have that inspector also look at every aspect of the structure as the house is built.

You might also look into hiring a home inspector who is certified by the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI). If you do this, be sure to ask her/him about how much new construction experience they have. Many of these inspectors have deep experience — and that's the one you want.

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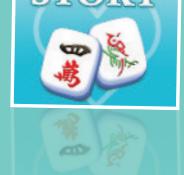


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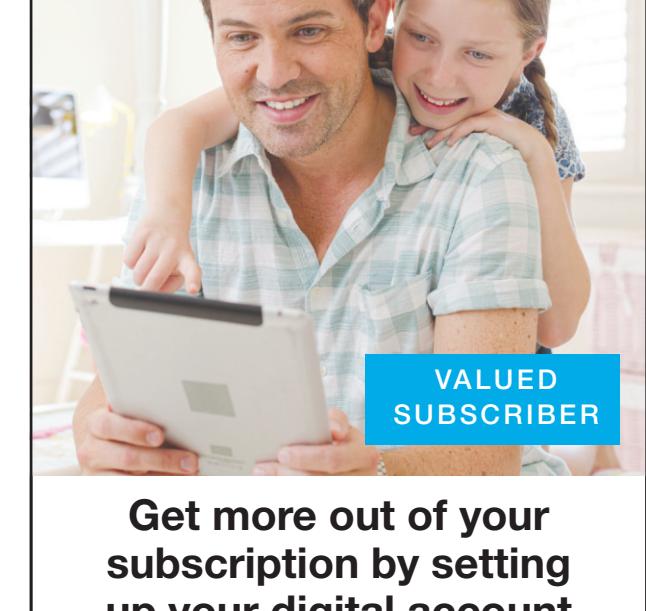
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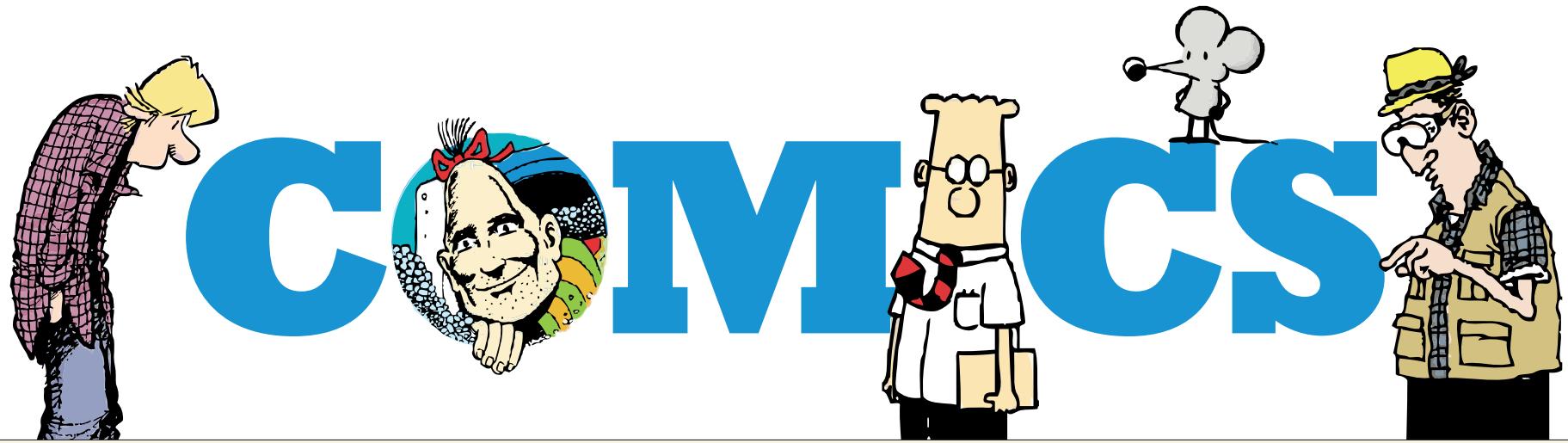
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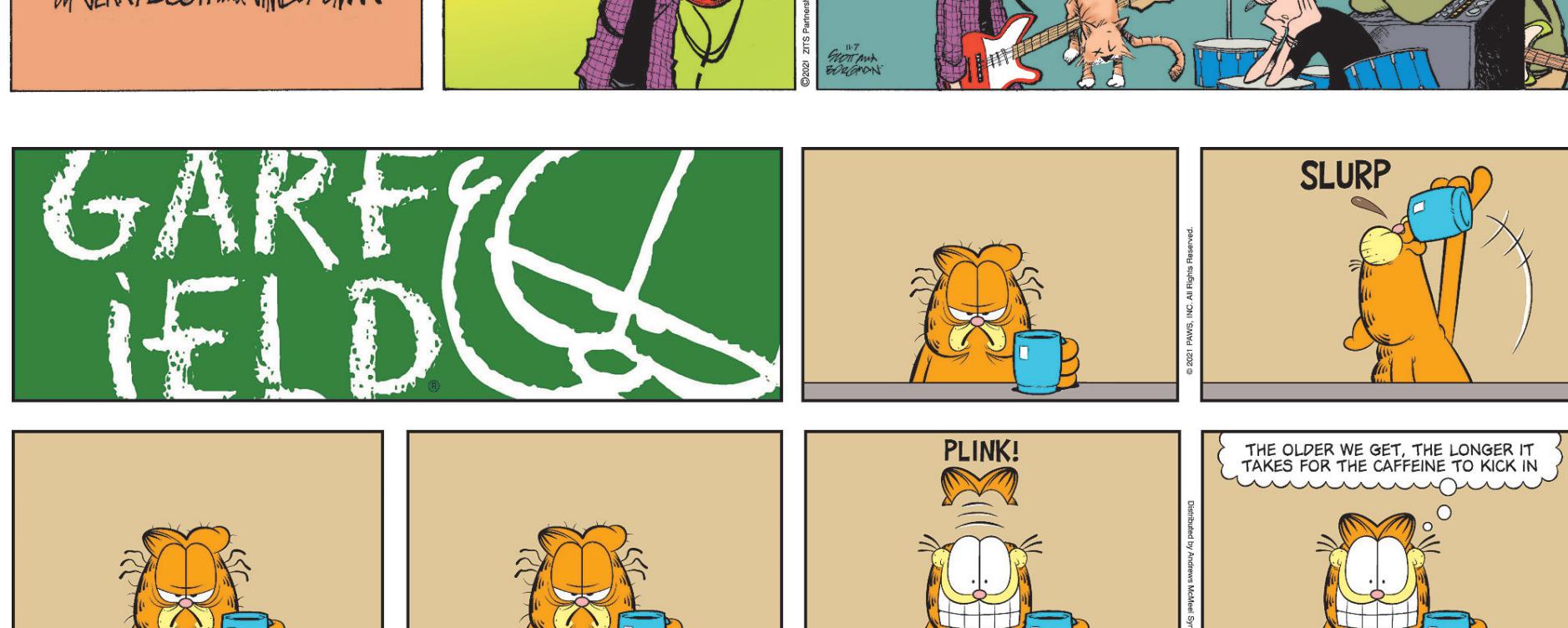
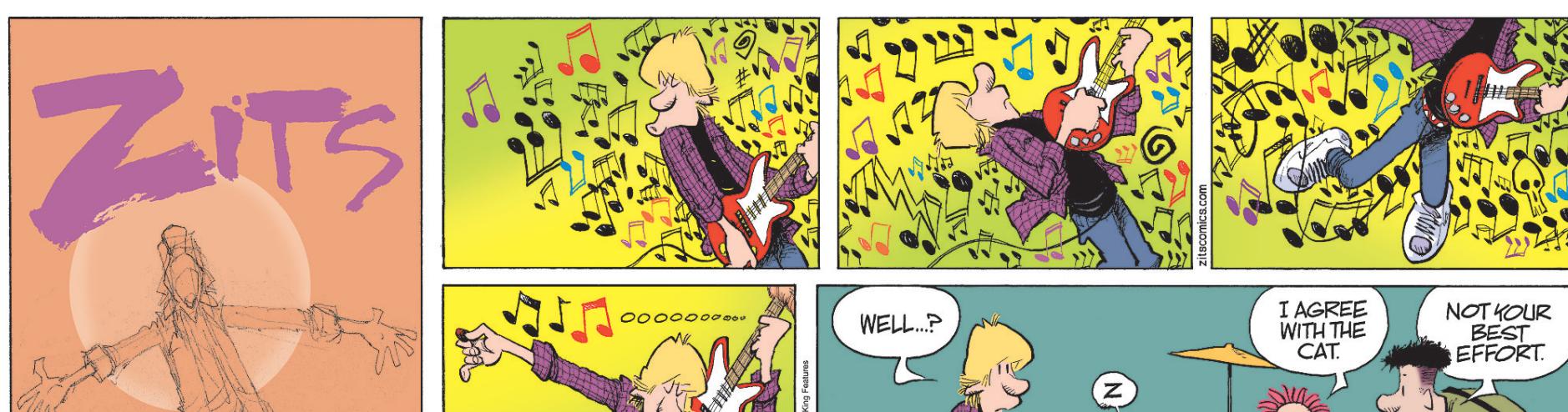
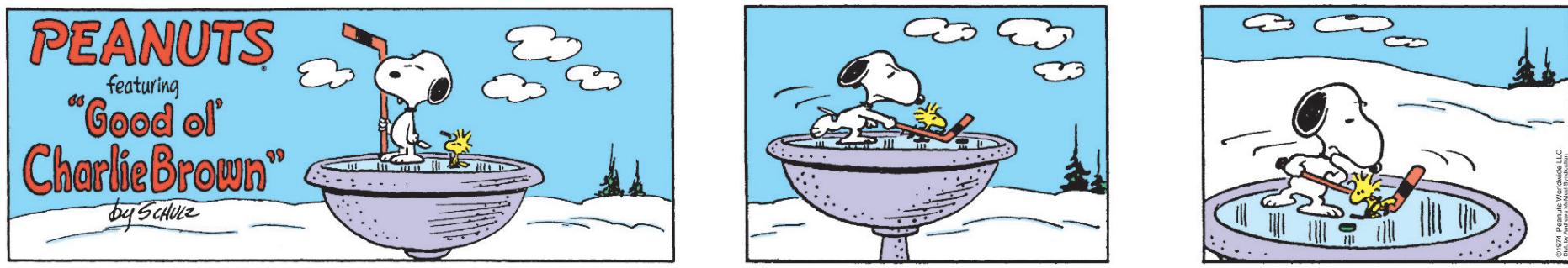
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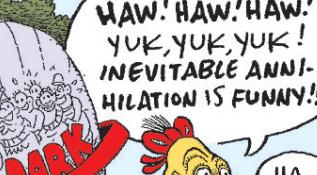
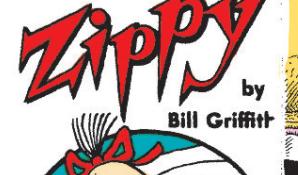
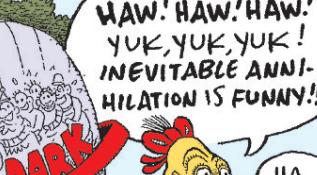
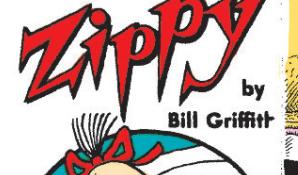
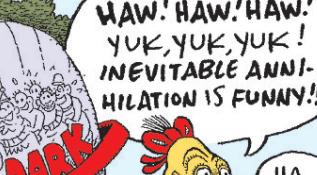
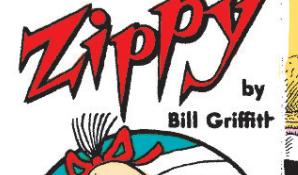
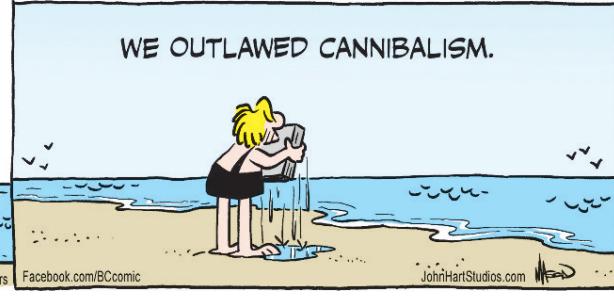
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WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

## MORGAN FREEMAN

The Oscar-winning *Shawshank Redemption* star, 84, hosts *Great Escapes With Morgan Freeman* (Nov. 9 on History), a new documentary series about famous jailbreaks from the world's most notorious prisons.

**Excluding the one in *The Shawshank Redemption*, which prison escape is the most memorable?** I would think the one that's the subject of [the 1963 film] *The Great Escape*, about U.S. airmen tunneling out of that stalag from the Nazis. That was incredible. Most of them didn't get away; they were shot. Some got out through incredible amounts of security with clothes, locations, working papers.

**Why do we love stories about prison escapes?** The fascination is, how are they going to pull it off? I've got to see how this is going to happen. It's something about human nature. You lock us up, we're going to try to figure out how to beat this. Think of [drug kingpin] El Chapo: [Tunnel masterminds] dug a tunnel into the prison to a pinpoint location so he could squeeze through and walk out.

**All the documentaries you narrate—like *The Story of God*, *The Story of Us*, *March of the Penguins* and *Through the Wormhole*—are they a learning experience for you?** Yes.

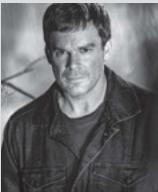
I've always been a learner, a reader, an asker of questions. I don't know if I'm trying to pass on any specific knowledge with this one; it's just a seat-of-your-pants thriller escape series. But it's interesting to see to what lengths people will go to figure things out.

**Which of your film performances is the most memorable to you?**

Playing the president of South Africa, Nelson Mandela [*Invictus*, 2009]. Personally, that was one of those moments when you're able to channel a character pretty well, and I was working with one of my favorite actor-directors, Clint Eastwood. He did a really good job on it.

### DEXTER RETURNS

One of TV's most watchable serial killers is back in *Dexter: New Blood* (Nov. 7 on Showtime). The sequel finds **Michael C. Hall**, 50, reprising his blood-spattering ways as Dexter Morgan relocates to a new town and hides his identity under an assumed name. But he's bringing along some heavy baggage and a dark past, including his deceased sister, Debra (Jennifer Carpenter), who tags along as his conscience and adviser. "Not to be an angel or devil on his shoulder," says Carpenter, 41, "but to jerk the wheel left or right against Dexter's will. I think Mike is one of the greatest actors I've ever worked with."



### SEEING 'RED'

Worlds collide in *Red Notice* as the stars align for a globe-trotting new action comedy (Nov. 12 on Netflix). There's Wonder Woman's **Gal Gadot**, 36, as the world's most wanted art thief. **Dwayne Johnson** (whose blockbusters include *Jungle Cruise*, *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle* and the *Fast & Furious* franchise), 49, is the FBI agent assigned to bring her in when an international "red notice" global alert is issued for her arrest. *Deadpool* and *Free Guy* star **Ryan Reynolds**, 44, plays a rival criminal who gets in on the fun. "It's the biggest movie Netflix has ever produced," says co-producer Hiram Garcia. "Gal, Ryan and D.J. have such amazing chemistry."



### ALL ABOUT KEVIN

As the hit drama *Yellowstone* returns for its fourth season (Nov. 7 on Paramount), we'll find out what happens to John Dutton (**Kevin Costner**), the cattle-ranching baron who was shot and left fighting for his life in the season three finale. Here are five fun facts about the Oscar-winning actor, 66, who does his own horseback riding in all of his Westerns.

- Costner was only 5 feet 2 inches when he graduated high school, almost a foot shy of his adult height of 6 feet 1 inch.

His favorite Western star—and the one he says most influenced his work—was **James Stewart**.



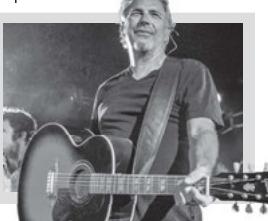
- He worked as a skipper on the *Jungle Cruise* ride at Disneyland before his acting career took off.

He won a Best Director Oscar for ***Dances With Wolves*** (1990), his directorial debut.



- The lead role in *Air Force One* (1997) was written for him, but he was still filming *The Postman* and suggested Harrison Ford for the role of the U.S. president.

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## GAME SHOWS

### Then & Now

**A**nybody can be a winner, anybody can be rich, anybody can achieve fame." That's how *Jeopardy!* host Alex Trebek explained game-show popularity to *Parade* in 2019. Trebek may be gone, but fans' passion for game shows endures. Here are some favorite oldies and current shows where you can "name that tune," "buy a vowel" and so much more. —Megan O'Neill Melle

❶ Celebrity panelists on the long-running CBS hit **What's My Line?** (1950–67) tried to figure out the occupations of everyday people through a series of yes or no Qs. "Mystery guests" included such showbiz greats as Julie Andrews and Alfred Hitchcock. Stream on Amazon Prime

❷ **Vanna White** and **Pat Sajak** have been inviting contestants to spin the wheel since 1983 and now welcome stars to solve puzzles to win money for charity on **Celebrity Wheel of Fortune**. Watch Sundays at 8 p.m. ET on ABC or stream on abc.com or Hulu

❸ The original **To Tell the Truth** began in 1956 on CBS and featured a celeb panel that guessed which of the three contestants were imposters and which one was the real deal. Most recently, *Black-ish* star **Anthony Anderson** and his mother, Mama Doris, host its ABC revival. Watch original episodes on YouTube; watch the reboot Sundays at 10 p.m. ET on ABC or stream on abc.com or Hulu

❹ Here's your clue: It has more Emmys (39) than any other game show. Answer: "What is **Jeopardy!**?" The show has run from 1964 to 1975 and 1984 to the present (with host **Trebek** until his death

in 2020). Today's version with Mayim Bialik as host is going strong, and last month, Yale Ph.D. student Matt Amodio made history with the second-longest *Jeopardy!* winning streak (38 games) and the third-largest nontournament cash haul: \$1,518,601. Watch daily on your local station

❺ Comedian and **Supermarket Sweep** superfan **Leslie Jones** is now hosting the show, which first aired in 1965. Teams today are vying for more dough (\$100,000) but still answering grocery-related questions that'll earn them money before a timed shopping spree. Watch Sundays at 9 p.m. ET on ABC

❻ On the original ABC matchmaking show, **The Dating Game** (1965–74), a bachelorette or bachelor chose a date from three eligible contestants she or he couldn't see. Future stars Tom Selleck, Farrah Fawcett and Jim Carrey all played the game. It's been reincarnated as **The Celebrity Dating Game**, hosted by Zooey Deschanel and Michael Bolton. Watch Mondays at 10 p.m. ET on ABC or stream on abc.com or Hulu

❼ Inspired by **Dax Shepard** and **Kristin Bell**'s competitive antics on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, new NBC competition series **Family Game Fight** pits the couple against each other when two



families "adopt" the celebs and attempt to win \$100,000. Watch Wednesdays at 9 p.m. ET on NBC or stream on nbc.com or Peacock

❽ Today's *Don't Forget the Lyrics!* and *The Singing Bee* can thank **Name That Tune** for their famous formats of offering contestants just a few notes to figure out a song. What began on NBC Radio in 1952 has seen many iterations, including Fox's most recent revamp of the show with **Jane Krakowski** and **Randy Jackson**. Stream on fox.com or Hulu

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A member of the U.S. Army, **ELVIS PRESLEY** was stationed in Germany when he met his future wife, Priscilla, the stepdaughter of a U.S. Air Force officer.

The *Golden Girls'* **BEA ARTHUR** was a truck driver and typist for the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve.

*Walker, Texas Ranger* star **CHUCK NORRIS** served as a member of the Air Force in South Korea, where he was inspired by the locals to practice martial arts.

Before becoming an acclaimed filmmaker, **MEL BROOKS** defused landmines during World War II as a combat engineer and participated in the Battle of the Bulge.

**ALAN ALDA**'s time in charge of a mess tent in the Army Reserve may have helped his portrayal of Hawkeye Pierce on TV's *M\*A\*S\*H*.

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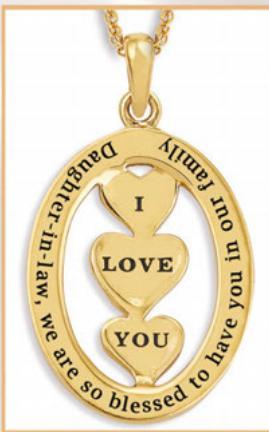
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As it turns out, long before his camera was focused on the likes of Daniel Craig and Frances McDormand, Deakins spent time as a local photographer in the southwest of England. The DNA of his new book, *Byways* (Damiani, \$55), tilts to those humble beginnings with 157 black-and-

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# THE O'DONNELL FAMILY PROUD to SERVE

NORAH, MARY AND DAD  
FRANCIS TALK ABOUT LIFE  
AND LESSONS LEARNED  
IN THE MILITARY.

BY KATHLEEN McCLEARY  
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BY PERRY HAGOPIAN



**A**sk Norah O'Donnell and her sister, Mary, about being "Army brats" and they both light up. "I always describe myself as an 'Army brat,'" the CBS news anchor says, turning to look at her sister, who's wedged next to her on a love seat in the sunny office space of the Washington, D.C., home Norah shares with her husband, Geoff Tracy, and their kids, Henry and Grace (both 14) and Riley (13).

Mary nods. "It's used affectionately. If you meet someone and say, 'I'm an Army brat,' or 'I'm an Air Force brat,' now you're all on the same page."

Growing up in a military family is as

essential to Norah O'Donnell's identity as her Irish heritage and her devotion to journalism. Her father, retired Lt. Col. Francis O'Donnell (who sits on Norah's other side), worked as a preventive and public health physician in the Army for 30 years. Mary graduated from the Army's medical school in 2010 and is chief of colon and rectal surgery at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. Mary and brother Matt were born on military bases. Norah was born at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (eldest brother Frank was born in New York City before their father joined the Army), and as a child she lived on bases in Germany and South Korea.



Above, from left: Francis O'Donnell, M.D., served in Germany from 1974 to 1977; children Matt, Frank and Norah with parents in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in 1978; Norah's 1988 freshman high school photo; Francis retired in 2002 after 30 years in the U.S. Army; he was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 1978; family gathered when Mary graduated from medical school in 2010.

"I wouldn't have become a journalist had I not grown up in a military family," says Norah, who has covered the Pentagon, Congress, the White House and six presidential elections in a career that's spanned jobs at NBC and CBS (where she co-anchored *CBS This Morning* before

moving to anchor the *Evening News* in 2019). Growing up in the military “taught me a lot about flexibility and adaptability and being exposed to the world.” It also, she says, instilled the values that define her life—hard work, flexibility, humility, community and public service.

Norah, 47, and Mary, 37, could easily have grown up in civilian life. Their father, 78, joined the military by chance; he was finishing medical training in New York City when the Army drafted him. (“Basically, if you were a doctor and you weren’t missing a leg you were going to get drafted,” Francis says, as his daughters laugh). Over the next two decades, he and his wife (also named Norah) moved their growing family to D.C.; Landstuhl, Germany; San Antonio; and Seoul, South Korea. From 1990 to 1991, he was deployed without his family to Saudi Arabia as part of Operation Desert Storm, a time Norah recalls as “the hardest part of growing up as a child in the military.”

“I remember how hard it was on my mother,” she says. “She had four kids at home as a single mom. She did everything from paying the bills to taking care of the house to taking care of the kids. That’s why I never had a pet,” she adds, laughing, “because mom said she couldn’t handle taking care of *one more thing*.” Her father’s yearlong absence gave her a “deep appreciation” for the sacrifices military families go through.

“There’s a comfort in being able to stay in the same house and have the same friend group and go to a 9-to-5 job,” she says. “To have life be predictable. There is *nothing*



Left: Francis, Norah, Mary and mother Norah in 2021; above: the O'Donnell family in 1978 in San Antonio

predictable about being in the military, and that puts a lot of stress on families.”

But that same unpredictability is part of the appeal, at least for those who serve, says Norah’s father. “I liked the idea of moving on and trying something new in my career every few years,” he says. “If I had never been in the Army I might have been in private practice somewhere, probably in the same location for the last 45 years. That sounds kind of dull.”

He also couldn’t have done it, he points out, were it not for his wife. “She seemed to roll with every punch. She succeeded with what she did with the kids in every location we were in; she made the most of wherever we were.”

“I’ve asked her how she did that,” Mary says. “She said, ‘Bloom where you’re planted. That’s it.’” So that’s what the kids and their mother did, even when it was hard. Moving is part of life as a military kid, Mary says, “and it builds this resilience and extroversion—even if you’re an introvert, you’re forced to make new friends.”

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## HOLDING YOUR COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABLE

The most difficult story she’s ever covered, Norah O’Donnell says, is the reporting she’s done on sexual assault in the military, first a 2017 investigation on sexual assault at the U.S. Air Force Academy, and most recently an 18-month-long probe into the increase in reports of abuse. In both investigations, O’Donnell and a team of reporters and producers interviewed survivors, whistleblowers and the families of soldiers who committed suicide.



“They are the most wrenching interviews,” O’Donnell says. While it’s hard to focus a lens on ugliness that exists in an institution she loves and respects, she says “it does need to abide by certain rules. There isn’t anything wrong with the military; it’s what certain individuals in the military are doing and not being held accountable.”

Her background as an Army brat helped her establish an instant rapport with many of the people she interviewed. “I can understand what they may be going through in the military community, and I’m going to treat their story with respect.” Victims who are living on a military base in a foreign country, for example, may not even know where to go to report abuse; O’Donnell knows firsthand “how isolating it can be to live on a military base.”

Changes are underway. In July, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin agreed with recommendations made by an independent review commission to make sure independent prosecutors, not military commanders, handle sexual assault charges in the military.

O’Donnell felt confident as she was doing the reporting that the military would respond one day. “By nature most of the people who serve in the military are very good people and they want to do the right thing.”

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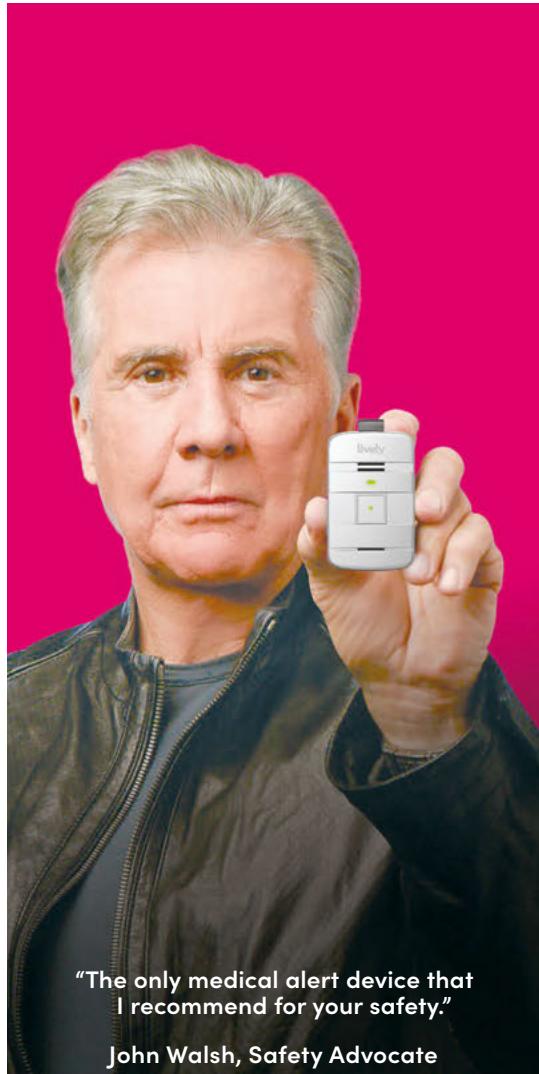
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**A FAMILY AFFAIR**  
What all three O'Donnells mention repeatedly—the thing that really characterizes life in the military—is being part of a community, a "family" that includes thousands.

"My parents are friends to this day with the people they were stationed with even for a short period of time," Norah says.



Yongsan Garrison, Seoul, South Korea, in 1984, the year Mary was born

Mary chose to go to a military medical school (Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md.) because "everybody there was a family. Army brats keep breeding each other, so it was like half the people there were alumni or from military families," she explains. "What that means is that before you even become a doctor you're meeting the people who might be your kid's pediatrician one day, or who might take care of your parents when they go to the hospital."

Being a part of that community, says Norah, helped her understand at a young age the idea of responsibility, for one's own actions and for the myriad

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ways our actions affect others—what she calls “the seriousness of decision making.” A decision made in D.C. meant her father spent a year in Saudi Arabia, for instance. “You learn that what happens in Washington matters, what happens in the world matters, that the decisions you make can have an impact on someone else.”

The O’Donnell parents also emphasized integrity. “One of the hardest things for anyone in life is listening to your own true voice about who you are, what you believe in,” Norah says. “My parents always said, ‘If you tell the truth and live a life of integrity, you have nothing to worry about.’ That was drilled into me as a child.”

But it’s not enough just to find your voice. “My mom also always said, ‘You need to use that voice for greater good,’” a mandate that was part of what drew Mary to medicine and Norah to journalism. “We have a public service on my broadcast, which is educating our viewers in an objective manner about the issues that matter,” Norah says, “and to hold public officials accountable for the decisions they make.”

In her own family, husband Geoff Tracy, a chef and restaurant owner, is the “better disciplinarian,” she says, even though he didn’t grow up in a military family. They met at Georgetown, where she was a philosophy major and he studied theology. “I think we wouldn’t have been together for so long if we weren’t pretty much on the same page,” she says. Both believe in assigning and enforcing chores.

“One time my daughter said to me, ‘My friends don’t want to come over because you make them put away their dishes after dinner.’” Norah raises her hand with a smile. “And I’m proudly wearing that badge of ‘You Can Clean Up After Yourself.’”

Cleaning up your own mess may be one of those decisions that only has an impact on a few, but it’s all part of the individual responsibility to be a good citizen of the world. And that’s what Army brats know best, Norah says. “Growing up in a military family I realized how interconnected we are with the world.” What you do and how you do it matter, she says. Even the small things.

O’Donnell got her first paying job at age 10. Visit [Parade.com/norah](https://Parade.com/norah) for details.



Norah with husband Geoff Tracy and children Grace, Riley and Henry

# What America Eats

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## Stuffed Sandwich

This deliciously over-the-top warm sandwich is ideal for your next game-day or holiday gathering. The recipe is from Rachael Ray’s new cookbook, ***This Must Be the Place***, in which she shares the food—and stories—of her “pandemic year.”



## SILLY GOOD, SILLY EASY STUFFED BREAD

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Set up a large bowl of ice and water. Blanch 2 bunches **broccolini**, 1 inch of ends trimmed, 3 minutes. Transfer to ice bath. Drain well.

Position rack in center of oven. Preheat oven to 375°F.

In a skillet over medium-high, heat 1 Tbsp **extra-virgin olive oil**. Add 1 lb **sweet Italian sausage with fennel**, casings removed; cook 4–5 minutes or until browned, stirring to crumble. Drain on a paper-towel-lined plate.

In a medium bowl, season 2 cups **ricotta** with **salt** and **ground white or finely ground black pepper**. Stir in 1/3 cup grated **Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese**, 1/8 tsp freshly grated **nutmeg** and 1 small handful **fresh parsley**, chopped. Zest and juice 1 **small lemon**. Stir zest into ricotta; reserve juice. Chop broccolini into bite-size pieces.

In same skillet over medium, heat 2 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil. Add 2 **large shallots** or 1 **small onion**, thinly sliced, and a little salt; cook 2 minutes or until softened. Add 4 cloves **garlic**, sliced; 1 Tbsp **Calabrian chile paste** or 2 **small red chiles**, chopped; and broccolini; toss 2–3 minutes. Add about 1/4 cup water and lemon juice; toss 1 minute. Remove from heat.

Halve 1 loaf **Italian bread with sesame seeds on top** horizontally; scoop out excess interior from top. Spread bottom half with ricotta mixture. Top with sausage, broccolini mixture, 12 oz shredded **mozzarella cheese** and **hot or sweet pickled cherry peppers**. Place bread top over filling; press to set. Wrap in foil with seam on top. Set on a sheet pan. Bake 20 minutes. Open foil. Increase oven temperature to 425°F. Bake 5 minutes to brown. Let stand 5–10 minutes. Remove foil; place loaf on a large cutting board and cut into sections. **Serves 4.**



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# New UCLA Discovered "Biocell" - Thicker Hair in as Little as 30 Days

Clinical trial from the University of California results in 74% more hair growth - 100% naturally

Thousands are rushing to get a new hair restoration method based on surprising new studies from the University of California.

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Now, with news of this breakthrough spreading like wildfire the manufacturers are struggling to keep up with overwhelming demand.

That's because, unlike other methods, it is prescription free, drug-free, and has no side effects. And while hair transplants can cost \$4,000 or more, this new approach costs pennies on the dollar and doesn't involve going to the doctor's office.

Instead, it leverages cutting-edge technology to prevent hair loss, fill-in embarrassing bald spots, and renourish thinning hair with results you can see and feel in 30 days or less.

As Jeanne F. from San Diego, CA reports: "When my husband began to use this product, all he had on top of his head was fuzz. His hair began to grow after 30 days and now it is about 2 to 3 inches long!"

## Surprising Truth About Hair Loss

It is commonly believed that hair loss is hereditary.

Unfortunately, most people think there is nothing they can do to stop it. However, while many doctors will tell you that thinning hair, a receding hairline, and bald spots are due to your genetics, this is not the whole story.

"While genetics play a role, it's not the main reason you lose hair," says Dr. Al Sears, the nation's top anti-aging doctor. "And surprisingly it's not just your age, thyroid, hormones, stress, or a vita-

min deficiency, either."

The latest scientific research reveals that hair loss is primarily caused by the stem cells in your hair follicles dying.

"This discovery is a true breakthrough because by reviving these stem cells on your scalp, you can stop hair loss dead in its tracks and trigger new hair growth, even in areas that have been thinning for years," explains Dr. Sears.

Now, at his world-famous clinic, the Sears Institute for Anti-Aging Medicine in Palm Beach, Florida, Dr. Sears and his team have used this game-changing discovery to develop a brand-new hair restoration formula that is taking the country by storm.

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*"I have seen a significant improvement in hair growth. Previously, you could see thinning areas at the back of my head and now hair has grown over it,"* says Peter W. from Ontario, Canada.

And Susan D. from Fort Pierce, Florida reports, "My hair was thinning. So, I began to use Re-Nourish every day on the front part of my scalp. Now I have thicker hair."

**Dr. Al Sears, M.D.**, is America's leading anti-aging expert. He's authored more than 500 scientific papers, and his discoveries have appeared on more than 50 media outlets including, ABC News, CNN, ESPN, Discovery Channel, National Geographic, Lifetime, and many more.

## Regrows Hair In Just 30 Days

Scientists now know that stem cells are the lifeblood of your hair follicles.

Research from the University of California shows they're the reason you're able to grow hair. However, these stem cells aren't always active. In fact, studies reveal they're only active during certain phases of the hair growth cycle.

"Your hair grows in three phases," explains Dr. Sears. "First, you have the anagen phase, the hair growing phase. Then the catagen phase, when hair gets ready to shed. And finally, the telogen phase, where your hair is pushed from the follicle and falls out."

As you get older it becomes harder for your hair follicles to complete this three phase cycle. The results? Your hairs get stuck in the telogen phase. This is when they start falling out and stop regrowing, no matter what you try.

This process doesn't happen overnight, says Dr. Sears.

"At first, your hair dries out, becoming brittle, thin, and harder to style. Then, you start finding hairs on your pillow and down the drain. Finally, you're left with bald spots that age you prematurely."

Fortunately, *Re-Nourish* puts a stop to this. It revives the dead stem cells in your hair follicles and reactivates your hair's three-phase cycle, triggering new growth in as little as 30 days — even in areas that've been balding for years.

## Reawakens Dead Hair Follicles

For years, scientists couldn't figure out why hair follicle stem cells died.

However, a study from the University of California finally found the answer,



**Breakthrough** research proves this discovery helps fill-in bald spots, re-nourishes thinning hair, and leads to noticeable growth in as little as 30 days.

It has to do with T-cells — an important immune cell in your body. The researchers discovered these T-cells are the only way to command hair follicles to grow new hair.

More importantly, they showed that T-cells helped revive the stem cells in your hair follicles spurring new growth, filling in bald spots and natural hair-line.

*Re-Nourish* uses a unique blend of all-natural ingredients. By spraying it on your hair once per day, scientific studies show you can revive dead stem cells and improve the appearance of thicker, fuller hair.

For example, the key nutrient of *Re-Nourish* was tested on a group of severely balding women.

After 6 months, nearly 70% of the women saw significant improvement in hair growth. Their hair was noticeably fuller, thicker, and healthier looking. Most exciting of all, they grew new hair on parts of their scalp that had been bald for years.

In another study, Italian researchers gathered a group of both men and women with thinning hair and applied the core ingredient of *Re-Nourish*. After 12 weeks, they reported a staggering 74% increase in hair growth.

"It's really mind-boggling that my hair started growing back," says Zan R., another Re-Nourish customer.

With results like this, it's no surprise that demand for *Re-Nourish* is soaring. Thousands of men and women are scrambling to get their hands on the limited supply available.

*Re-Nourish* is not currently available in any store at any price. But we've se-cured a small batch for our readers.

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**[EDITOR'S NOTE]:** Due to recent media exposure for *Re-Nourish*, the **Sears Institute for Anti-Aging Medicine** is experiencing unprecedented demand. If the phone line is busy when you call, please try again to avoid missing this special one-time-only offer.

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